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# SYDNEY CITY DO IT AGAIN!!

BY FRANK COLETTA

**SYDNEY CITY left no doubt as to the number one team in NSW and possibly Australia with a supremely authoritative 2-0 win over a jaded Marconi in yesterday's Northern division grand final.**

Marconi seemed to lack the necessary zip in attack to be any real threat to the experienced City outfit.

In Melbourne, Brunswick Juventus took out the Southern division with an extraordinary win over a very gallant Preston.

With less than five minutes remaining, Preston were leading 1-0 and were already booking their tickets for Sydney airport to meet Sydney City in the first leg of the national play-offs.

But no one had counted on Brunswick's demonic forwards, who grabbed two goals in quick succession and left Preston with but a dream of winning both National finals (Cup and League).

At St. George stadium, City showed too much big match experience for the young Marconi side. The 'head start' all the press had talked about during the week came well and truly to the fore in the match although Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson denied that his team's considerably shorter schedule would have anything to do with the result.

He was wrong. Although Sydney City had too many guns for the Fairfielders, Marconi sadly lacked the attacking spur needed in big games.

Marconi strode into the match knowing they would be playing their fifth match in two weeks, including that gruelling extra-time semi-final against Sydney Olympic.

The hints during the week that Mark Jankovics would start the grand final did not turn to fruition as the tall

blond striker was kept on the reserve bench, still suffering from the hamstring injury that had kept him out of the final against Sydney Croatia on Wednesday.

Marconi were also to be without sturdy left-back Joe Rizzotto, a legacy of Wednesday's triumph over Croatia. Out with four yellow cards.

Both sides were noticeably and understandably cautious of each other from the beginning and this probably led to the opening goal of the match.

After no more than six minutes, Sydney City hit the front when little schemer Joe Watson sent a peach of a ball out to Grant Lee on the right wing.

The challenge by Marconi's Sterrey was a little late and Lee was fortunate enough to receive a perfect rebound that sent him scurrying down the wing.

Lee sent over a magnificent cross that John Kosmina easily headed home from three metres.

Marconi then came out of their uneasy shell and in the eighth minute a corner by Tredinnick was just missed by Tony Henderson near goal.

City's defence was at sixes and sevens, continually spurning clearing opportunities and giving the Marconi forwards ample opportunity to go forward.

With a strong wind howling behind them, Sydney City continually pumped high balls up field to test the vulnerability of Marconi's goalkeeper Bruce James.

In the 12th minute a long searching ball by Murray Barnes found James badly positioned. The ball bounced and was headed goalward over James before David Mitchell charged into the goalie and earned the wrath of referee Richard Lorenc.

Ball in net but no goal. By the quarter of an hour mark the match had developed into a rough and tumble affair with both sets of midfielders throwing themselves into the fray with little concern for self-preservation.

Old adversaries Tony Henderson and Jim Cant were visibly arguing with each other as player after player went down with some sort of injury.

To the credit of referee Richard Lorenc, the match never really

got out of hand and he took a firm yet understanding hand.

Bruce James was having a lot to do in the first half. In the 20th minute he was in trouble yet again when a long ball by Gerry Gomez nearly caught him off his line.

An unfortunate incident occurred five minutes later when Paul Carter and Joe Watson clashed in midfield.

The aspiring Soccerroo committed to a 50/50 ball charged after it and met the veteran international head-on.

The City midfielder lay on the ground writhing in pain and there were fears that he may have badly damaged an ankle: happily the little man was not seriously hurt and was able to go and play a good hand in the victory.

A dramatic change befell the grand final as the usually so dominant Slickers' side fell into a hole and allowed Marconi to launch many

attacking raids at them. They survived the onslaught... but only just.

David Lowe committed the cardinal sin of hanging on to the ball too long on one occasion with Peter Tredinnick all alone in a scoring position.

In quick succession, a Carter cross fell to Henderson whose cross was narrowly missed by Lowe and Brown. Tony Pezzano however was unable to get to it and the rebound off Murray Barnes was cleared by Barnes himself off the line.

Thirty seconds later a Rod Brown header was fumbled by Pezzano on the line and a few 'blue hearts' skipped a beat.

Three minutes before the break a bad pass was played square by Marconi's Craig Mason. Grant Lee read it like the proverbial book and chased away.

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## RUSSIA ATTACKS AUSSIE PRESS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**THE AUSTRALIAN Soccer Press corp in the USSR covering the World Youth Championships was attacked by Russian officials last week for being over ambitious getting news to knock back to Australia.**

Soviet officials complained to a local sports paper about the Aussie newspaper and T.V. personnel in Minsk for the Championships.

Dominic Galati, SBS Television's producer, told us by phone from the USSR:

"The Soviets accused us of asking just too many questions over here."

"If anything, they were hassling us, not the other way around."

An enormous amount of telephone calls beamed out of Russia for Australia, mainly directed to Sydney and Melbourne by our Press men.

Special mention was made in the Russian paper, of a service provided by two Russian girls for the Aussie media, connecting international telephone calls.

"Hello Sydney... Hello Sydney", almost with monotonous regularity was the dialogue.

The most common sight at the Press Centre in Minsk was an Aussie Press man handing telephone numbers to one of the Russian girls to connect with Australia.

Outrageous prices for phone calls were being charged by the Soviets. The equivalent of \$25 Australian per minute charged, eventually forced the Australians to demand "Collect-calls".

As if this wasn't enough, the Aussie Pressmen were barred from mixing with the Australian team.

The Australian team was based some 30 kilometres from the Aussie Pressmen's hotel and were not allowed to commute with one another.

## CANTERBURY TRIUMPH

BY TONY RACITI

**CANTERBURY Marrickville Olympic's nine year dream of competing in the National Soccer League is now almost a reality.**

The Greek-sponsored club's efforts were rewarded yesterday in their final NSW State League competition match following their impressive 3-1 away win over Warringah.

As State League premiers, Canterbury must now submit an application for entry into the National League, and if they meet the NSL's criteria requirements, they will replace the relegated Penrith.

It is the second time that a club coached by Raul Blanco has been promoted to the NSL.

Back in 1983, Blanco steered Melita, and sub-

sequent promotion.

A jubilant Blanco said last night that he was looking forward to once again being involved in the country's major competition.

"I am very happy with Canterbury, and I'm hoping that I can come to some sort of agreement with the committee for 1986," Blanco said.

"It was an incredible performance from my squad, considering in the first six weeks of the competition people thought we would even be relegated."

"At many stages of the season it appeared impossible to win the League, but finally our consistency paid off."



SYDNEY CITY'S PLAYERS CELEBRATE THEIR GRAND FINAL VICTORY IN STYLE



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## SCOREBOARD

### TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canterbury	22	14	5	3	49	24	33
Fairy Meadow	22	14	4	4	32	15	32
Sutherland	22	10	8	4	38	21	28
Melita Eagles	22	11	5	6	37	21	27
Ku-ring-gai	22	9	8	5	29	22	26
Rockdale Ilinden	22	8	6	8	29	21	22
Avala	22	7	7	8	25	24	21
Manly Warringah	22	6	9	8	20	25	19
Polonia	22	8	3	11	36	49	19
Uruguay Auburn	22	3	8	12	16	32	14
Warringah N'been	22	2	9	11	16	40	13
Bankstown National	22	2	6	14	18	51	10

### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	21	15	5	1	43	11	35
Gladesville Hby	22	14	4	4	37	16	32
Queens Park	22	14	3	5	50	25	30
Campbelltown City	22	13	3	6	49	28	29
Blacktown United	21	12	3	6	48	26	26
North Bankstown	22	10	5	7	32	19	25
Artamon	22	6	8	8	29	31	20
Yugal	20	6	5	9	37	28	17
Dee Why	22	5	7	10	16	37	17
Bathurst '75	22	3	9	10	28	36	15
Canterbury & Dist	22	3	3	16	23	67	9
Penrith United	22	0	3	19	19	84	3

### THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	22	12	9	1	49	25	34
Bondi Marine	22	12	8	2	57	19	32
King Tomislav	21	11	6	4	32	22	28
North Ryde	22	12	3	7	35	21	27
Baulkham Hills	22	10	5	7	28	25	26
Rooty Hill	21	10	4	7	44	21	24
Port Hacking	20	7	5	8	22	34	19
C'belltown Dist	21	6	5	10	26	30	17
Moorebank L'pool	22	6	2	14	23	34	14
Uni of NSW	21	4	6	11	18	30	14
Granville District	20	3	7	10	23	41	13
Mt Druitt Town	22	3	6	13	20	69	12

### NORTHERN DIVISION

#### FIRST DIVISION

West Wallsend 4 Maitland 2, Belmont Swansea 3  
Highfield Azzurri 0, Lake Macquarie 1 Central  
Coast 1.

#### SECOND DIVISION

Newcastle Macedonia 5 Edgeworth 0.

### TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bankstown Nat. v Fairy Meadow	2-8		0-5
Uruguay Auburn v Manly Warringah	0-2	0-1	0-3
Avala v Ku-ring-gai	1-2	1-5	0-1
Polonia v Rockdale Ilinden	3-2	5-2	0-4
Warringah N'been v Cant M'ville Oly	1-3	3-2	2-3
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire	1-1	0-0	0-3

### STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bathurst '75 v Queens Park	1-3	1-0	3-1
Dee Why Swans v Artamon	1-1	1-1	1-3
SSC Yugal v Campbelltown City	1-2	1-4	0-3
Baulkham Hills v Bondi Marine	0-1	3-0	0-1
Uni of NSW v Moorebank L	1-5	1-2	1-4
Mt Druitt Town v Granville Dist	2-1	0-2	0-2
Artamon v Penrith United	2-0	2-0	0-2
Dee Why Swans v Cant & Dist	2-1	1-2	4-0
Wollongong Mac v North Bankstown	2-0	0-1	0-2

### STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bondi Marine v Moorebank L	1-0	1-1	2-3
Port Hacking v King Tomislav	0-2	5-0	4-1
Campbelltown Dist v Rooty Hill	0-1	3-0	0-1
Baulkham Hills v Bondi Marine	1-5	1-2	1-4
Uni of NSW v Moorebank L	2-1	0-2	0-2
Mt Druitt Town v Granville Dist	1-1	0-3	0-1
North Ryde RSL v Kingsford	0-0	0-2	1-3

### INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Fairfield Kiev v Spanish Club	3-3	2-3	2-3
Lane Cove v Sydney Uni	2-0	1-5	0-1
Nineveh Eagles v West St George	1-10	1-1	1-1
Hurstville Zagreb v CSI Schofields	1-0	2-3	2-3
Padstow Park v West Park United	0-2		

### INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Liverpool City v Trasandinos	1-0	5-0	0-2
Concordia v Macquarie Uni	2-1	0-2	0-3
Maroubra v Wenty Waratah	0-2	0-4	0-4
Macarthur United v Pagewood	0-2	0-3	1-3
Green Valley v Chelsea	12-7	1-1	1-1
Chile Sports v Hawkesbury Dist	2-0		

### INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Concord Juniors v Blacktown Wands	2-1	1-3	0-4
Sydney Maccabi v Robins	4-0	0-4	1-2
Chullora v Welcome Sports	0-2	1-2	3-3
Rosebery v Rangers Hadjuk	14-0	2-3	0-4
Haberfield D/D's v Smithfield	7-0		
Chullora v Concord	1-2		
Welcome v Dulwich Hill (2nd grd)			

### INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Nepean Rovers v Petersham L	4-4	4-8	2-2
Greenisland v Castle Hill	3-2	1-0	1-1
Argentinian v Macedonia Yagoona	3-1	1-1	1-0
Lansvale v Colo Colo	1-2	1-0	1-0
Lithgow Workmens v Macedonia Yagoona	1-0	1-0	1-6
Jedinstvo Utd v Argentinian Utd	2-3		

# ARRIVEDERCI CROATIA!

BY FRANK COLETTA

**MARCONI well and truly sounded the death-knell for Sydney Croatia at Marconi Stadium last Wednesday with a triumphant 1-0 victory.**

Croatia played like a team that had literally had enough and one wonders if they will be able to handle the professional style that they will adopt from the start of next season... only time will tell.

It was a heart-breaking finale for a team so well supported all season that had in affect practically led the championship right until the last two weeks.

Tony Henderson, Marconi's evergreen ex-international, revelling in the freedom allotted him in the midfield delivered the knock-out blow in the 73rd minute with a demonic header via a Ian Gray cross.

Henderson was adamant after the match that the result was the best one possible.

"Croatia would have had no chance against Sydney City. But you can be sure we will give them one hell of a fright."

Marconi was impressive from go-to-woe. A watertight defence and a vigorous and exploitive midfield completely shut the usually explosive Croatian machine out of the match.

Though in the 11th minute Shane Clinch had a golden opportunity to score but only managed to screw his shot wide of the far post.

Marconi had gone into the match without stalwart forwards, Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne, both having failed fitness tests prior to the kick-off.

After 19 minutes Peter Tredinnick was given an incisive ball by David Lowe. 'Tred's' cut inside and steadied himself for a shot that should have found Steve Watson picking the ball up from the back of the net. Instead he picked it up easily from a poor side-foot shot.

Marconi began moving forward in numbers, making numerous opportunities but not being able to find the net.

Ian Gray gave Steve Watson a real fright when he let fly in the 23rd minute with that power-laden right boot of his from 25 metres. The ball took a vicious bounce but Watson nullified the danger.

One minute later Craig Mason whipped a devilish shot on the run goalwards following neat work by Tredinnick.

Just as Mason began to set-off for his victory lap, through the air flew Watson to

make a brilliant one-handed save.

Croatia held Marconi off however and went into the break knowing they had to re-group for the second half and try something different to break down the Marconi brick-wall.

They may have done so five minutes into the second half when Emil Dragicevic swung over a cross to the unmarked Shane Clinch. Clinch drove powerfully but Bruce James was equal to the task.

James was called on to make a couple of other quick interceptions before Marconi hit the front.

Paul Carter, Marconi's ace fullback made another scintillating run that had the crowd in raptures.

He collected the ball inside his own half, danced through three tackles and laid the ball off. Ian Gray on the right hit the cross hard into the middle where a barrage of players converged. Tony Henderson got there first and powered his header beyond the despairing dive of Steve Watson.

Croatia may have forced extra-time with 10 minutes remaining. A corner from Patikas found James severely wanting as he attempted to punch the ball rather the catch it. The ball fell to Bruno Vidaic but he was denied by that revelation in Lee Sterrey on the line.

Time enough for David Lowe to display his versatility with an enormous volley that was saved and Marconi was into the Grand Final against Sydney City.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug claimed, "We took a while to get warmed up but when we did we took control."

"I was pleased with our defence, it was very tight. Then again Croatia showed little or no spirit, they lacked a back-bone."

"Both the defence and midfield were super. In attack we were a little hindered by Rod Brown's injury. He shouldn't have really played with the groin strain he was carrying but we will all be fit and ready on Sunday."

The Croatian dressing-room was a morbid place indeed.

Vedran Rozic shrugged his shoulders and claimed, "Maybe next year. We played very badly but again we seemed to have nothing in attack."

How right he was, Croatia were as flat as the proverbial tack. Their attack stifled by the Marconi defence and the inability of their midfield and forwards to get it going.

Admittedly their linch-pin in attack, Zarko Odzakovic was battered from pillar-to-post and was rarely able to give the necessary thrust to his beleaguered team-mates.

**MAN OF THE MATCH: PAUL CARTER** put together another superb performance. He is so secure in defence, agile and very speedy, able to cover in a flash. His attacking sortees are a delight to watch and with Australia in desperate need of a right-back, Frank Arok could do a lot worse.

**MARCONI:** James 7, Carter 8.5, Rizzotto 7.5, Sterrey 7.5, Calderan 8, Mason 7.5, Henderson 7, Tredinnick 6.5, Gray 7, Lowe 6, Brown 6.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Watson 7, Kovacic 6 (Caleta 7.5), Basic 6 (Tomasic 6.5), Dragicevic 7, Rozic 6.5, Vidaic 6.5, Clinch 6, Savor 6.5, Arnold 6.5, Patikas 6 Odzakovic 6.5.

**REFEREE:** Richard Lorenc 7  
**CROWD:** 5,438.



Bruce James is flat on his back after being bundled into the turf by Sydney City's David Mitchell. Paul Carter (2) looks on.



PAUL CARTER

## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

IT seems our ASW writers have all decided to have a holiday at the same time!

To be truthful though that is not quite the case. At the moment we have absentees such as John Warren, Alan Vest and Tom Anderson.

Both John and Tom are 'enjoying' themselves behind that Iron Curtain in Russia...we wait with bated breath for some of the stories they will disclose of their ventures whilst in the Soviet cauldron.

Alan Vest has really been a busy fellow of late. As you may well know, Alan is NSW state coach and has many a commitment with the state.

He has been travelling. From Sydney he went to Taiwan for a soccer tournament, then he made a bee-line for Melbourne for the junior national titles.

But don't fret, all three will soon be back on deck and mesmerising you all once again.

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ASW sends its sincerest condolences to Keith Charles and family following the tragic sudden death of their 21-year-old son Keith Charles in a car accident during a stay at Mt. Isa.

Our thoughts are also with a close friend by the name of Mick Clementi who was also involved in a car accident.

The former Inter-Monaro and Marconi youth striker is recovering in Westmead hospital.

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THE sad lack of social life in Russia may well be some sort of excuse for the abject failure of our Youth Socceroos.

The sad state of affairs is simply that there is absolutely no social life.

It must have had some sort of adverse affect on the youngsters, suffering from boredom. Being stuck in your hotel is no picnic.

Many may claim that this might have aided the fellows in thinking soccer all day everyday.

But the fact of it is that these players only know semi-professional conditions and are not yet ready for the life of professional footballers.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: THIS WEEK — ANDREW DETTRE.

With the excellent performances of our Under 16's, the success of our Under 20's and our above average national team, Andrew was moved to claim in a column something to the effect of.

'We are world class at Under 16 level, we are just below world class at Under 20 and we suffer a little at full national level because of semi-professionalism...SO THAT MUST MAKE US WORLD CHAMPS IN UNDER 12'S!

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LAST WEEK I dared to select a NSW squad minus the national players.

Well on looking back on the side I made some pretty crazy omissions when you think that players of the calibre of Frank Farina, Paul Carter and Robbie Wheatley would practically walk into any rep sides.

Admittedly it was just an oversight.

So here is my revised edition NSW side:

Franken, Carter, Robertson (Capt), Wheatley, Rizzotto, Mason, Senkalski, Tredinnick, Lamond, Lowe, Farina. Reserves: McPherson, Bertogna, Bozanic, Lee.

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He passed to Frank Farina who drove a shot at the near post that James saved but not without fumbling.

James was certainly having a mixed day but then again so was the whole Marconi side: their midfield was so static it was hard to believe that this was the same midfield that had been wowing all the NSL during the year.

A minute later Rod Brown stole the ball from Steve O'Connor like a thief in the night and just slammed his shot over the bar.

Right on half-time Craig Mason miskicked a volley when in a good scoring position.

Ian Gray started the second half in impressive fashion with a run down the right wing that led to a risky clearance by Gomez only three metres from his line.

At the 52nd minute mark the game was won and lost.

A ball from Murray Barnes was flicked on by David Mitchell into the path of wing-flyer Frank Farina.

Farina raced into the area, meeting a hesitant Bruce James eight metres from goal, Farina poked the ball into James, the ball then rebounded off the goalkeeper and unbelievably flew in for a goal.

It was an extraordinary goal really. The ball came out of the tangle between Farina and James like a pip from an orange, which left be-mused defender, Lee Sterrey, with little or no chance to clear.

Rod Brown, who had been playing like a man carrying an injury, notably his groin injury, should have levelled after 63 minutes.

A cross by David Lowe found Brown racing across the area and shooting poorly towards goal.

Les Scheinflug then sent on veterans Jankovics and Sharne in a belated hope that they could spark the attack.

David Lowe thought he had equalised in the 64th minute when he latched on to a Tony Henderson cross, volleyed and beat Pezzano only to have Alex Robertson on the line clearing the ball.

Grant Lee ran on to another suicidal square ball by the Marconi midfielder, this time by Tredinnick. He burst into the area and drove a rasping shot that Bruce James parried. The ball bounced into the path of the flying John Kosmina who was denied by the bravery of James who dived at the feet of the Socceroo captain to avert the danger.

Time enough for the final real chance of the match as Lee beat Mason, crossed and with James all at sea, Murray Barnes headed goalward only for Lee Sterrey to clear.

The final 20 minutes were a real dawdle and it was a relief to hear the final whistle blown.

Les Scheinflug had no complaints later: "We were fit enough, the five games in two weeks cannot be offered as any excuse.

"I really think the game was won and lost with the toss of the coin.



Goalmouth action from yesterday match.



EDDIE THOMSON is chaired off the field by his jubilant players after the grand final victory.

We lost it and Sydney City had a big wind behind them that they used so well."

He continued: "They got the breaks but admittedly we had our chances and didn't take them. With a little more work Marconi will be the champions in the future as Sydney City are now.

"We can only learn from this, it is a lesson and we will learn."

The enigmatic Eddie Thomson exclaimed, "This is the tops, winning another title cannot be surpassed.

"We played our normal game and that was all that was necessary. We kept possession and that was the key. Marconi didn't ever really build up in attack to threaten us."

**MAN OF THE MATCH: GRANT LEE**, a real effervescent performance. Was always on the look out for chances and created havoc for the Marconi defence when he ran at them. His passing was immaculate also.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 6, Gomez 6, Robertson 7, O'Connor 6, Cant 6.5, Mitchell 7, Watson 7, Barnes 7, Farina 7, Kosmina 7, Lee 8.

MARCONI: James 6.5, Carter 7, Driene 6.5 (Sharne 6.5), Henderson 6.5, Calderan 7, Mason 6, Sterrey 7, Lowe 7.5, Brown 6, Gray 6, Tredinnick 6.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc 7.5  
CROWD: 3336



## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY CITY 4 (2) v CANBERRA CITY 2 (1)

AFTER knocking off minor premiers Wollongong last week the slick Sydney City outfit took out the grand final with two goals in each half to defeat Canberra 4-2.

Steve Lundy was the destroyer, scoring twice in the opening 15 minutes to put the Slickers on their way. From a Kay cross he drove home in the 12th minute and three minutes later he nodded home another Kay cross.

Vic Fernandez jnr pulled one back in the 30th minute for Canberra to give them hope of a second half revival.

Andrew Harper, easily the best player on the park, netted in the 52nd minute for Sydney City, before Jim Baxter pegged one back in the 65th minute. Paul Kay put the icing on the cake in injury time to give the Slickers a well deserved victory.

SYDNEY CITY: Steve Lundy 12, 15, Andrew Harper 52, Paul Kay 90.

CANBERRA CITY: Vic Fernandez Jnr 30, Jim Baxter 65.

BEST PLAYERS: Andrew Harper, Steve Lundy, Michael Criticos, Gus Cerro, Gardner Murray, Vic Fernandez jnr.



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## PRESTON PLOD ON!

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

PRESTON won its way into the National Soccer League Southern Division grand final literally from the penalty spot.

Preston beat 1984 Australian champion South Melbourne 5-4 on penalties after a 4-4 extra-time result at Olympic Park.

At the end of 90 minutes, the scores were locked at 3-3.

South Melbourne defender Bobby Russell missed his attempt during the penalty showdown and when Preston midfielder Con Opaslinis converted his shot, South Melbourne was out of the series.

The first half was a thrilling four-goal affair.

South Melbourne had lined up without injured sweeper John Yzendoorn and suspended players midfielder Gary McDowell and defender George Mihos.

Preston striker Gary Cole was available after injury, but coach Bill Murray put the former Soccerroo on the substitutes' bench.

Preston had the best chances of the opening exchanges but striker Steve Smith shot over the bar in the seventh minute and headed wide in the 10th minute.

South Melbourne struck in the 13th minute.

Striker Charlie Egan pounced on a bad pass back from Preston midfielder Zoran Ilioski and slotted the

ball passed Preston goalkeeper Philip Traianedes.

Within a minute the scores were level.

A mix up in the South Melbourne defence sent Smith clear and he beat advancing South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

A superb goal engineered by striker Sean Lane put Preston 2-1 ahead in the 20th minute.

Lane turned superbly inside the South Melbourne penalty area and his far post cross was converted by the incoming Ilioski with a first time shot.

South Melbourne almost levelled in the 27th minute after Egan broke down the left wing, but Doug Brown's shot was cleared off the Preston goal line.

South Melbourne kept pressing and was rewarded with a second goal in the 39th minute. Midfielder Oscar Crino passed the ball to Egan who turned and hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

Preston almost took the lead five minutes into the second half when defender Robbie Dunn's free kick was tipped fractionally wide by Laumets.

Then South Melbourne created two

excellent chances. Egan broke through only to shoot wide as did Brown a minute later.

A cross from South Melbourne midfielder Ken Murphy was deflected just over the Preston bar by Crino in the 68th minute and Egan broke clear in the 81st minute only to shoot straight at Traianedes.

South Melbourne went ahead just six minutes from the end of normal time when Egan pressured Traianedes in the 84th minute, won the ball and scored.

But Preston levelled three minutes later with a backheeler from Cole, who had come on in the 61st minute for the injured George Petrov.

Cole gave Preston a 4-3 lead in the 11th minute of extra time.

Dunn headed the ball down and Cole controlled well before slamming the ball in from four metres.

Egan headed wide in the second half of extra time before Brown won a race to the ball with Traianedes and tapped it into goal to make it 4-4 just four minutes from the end and earn the penalty showdown.

## MARGARITIS TACTICAL SWITCH IS A WINNER

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

"VIVA JUVE" chanted joy-ridden Brunswick Juventus supporters after their pride had carved its name in the history book with a spectacular 2-1 win over Preston in the Grand Final of the Southern Division of the National League.

"You justified my confidence in your ability to win the title," commented club president Tony Schiavello in his emotional speech in the dressing room, paying tribute to his uncompromising warriors.

Indeed it was a great day for this historic club.

After years in the wilderness they regain prominence they had enjoyed in the 60's with a three minute attacking streak in the closing stages of the game.

Having weathered tremendous pressure and cleared the ball three times off their goal line, Juventus drew strength in the last minutes of the game from some brilliant tactical manoeuvres by coach John Margaritis.

Margaritis cashed in on the versatility of his brilliant midfielder Mike Petersen and the exemplary work-rate and skills of Paul Wade and was rewarded greatly with the first major title win in the short history of the club.

Petersen's placement in the midfield was the turning point in the game because the skilful player steadied the midfield and prompted some attacks which split Pre-

ston's solid defence right in the middle.

Margaritis's moment of glory arrived in the 86th minute when Petersen smashed into the net a free-kick by Robert Cullen to level the scoreline.

Sixty seconds later Paul Wade enhanced the result of the reshuffle by slotting into the net the rebound from a Cullen shot.

The defeat was another bad experience for Preston who seemed certain winners after 32 minutes when Steve Smith headed into the net a precision cross by Sean Lane.

Only weeks ago Preston lost the NSL Cup Final to Sydney Olympic, unable to hold on to their early lead.

"This is unbelievable," said Preston coach Bill Murray after the game. "Twice in recent weeks we were so close to winning a title and yet so far. It happened to us against Sydney Olympic and we experienced the same disappointment today in spite of our dominance in the game. All I can say is we had our chances and failed to take them."

Commenting on the reshuffle of his team, Margaritis pointed out: "I knew I was going to be crucified had my decision to withdraw Sweeney to the defence failed. But when you are a goal down and time is running out you have to take some punts."

**BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS:** Banovic: Campbell, Brown, Petersen, Durakovic (Dri-noczky 73), Brown, Petersen, Minichello, Miranda, Wade, Incantalupo, Sweeney, Cullen.

**PRESTON:** Triandis, Heys, McMillan, Dunn, Dobson, Lane, Opaslinis (Petrov 60), Petrovski, Ilioski, Cole, Smith. REFEREE: P. Rampley CROWD: 6,000



Brunswick's Paul Wade

## ACTION FROM PLAYERS IN

## YESTERDAYS MATCH





# CHIT CHAT

IT was stated recently in a Sydney newspaper that Craig Johnston was the first Australian to make the big-time in England.

Wrong! Doesn't anyone remember that outstanding centre-half JOE MARSTON?

Joe played in the 1954 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley for Preston. He was also selected for the Football League, a most unusual honour for any player not born in England.

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THOSE people who seem to imagine that Rugby Union is THE big football code in South Africa should think again.

It was stated last week: "Soccer far outstrips rugby as South Africa's most popular spectator sport."

"It has an enormous following among the predominantly black population, though whites also attend games and play for some teams."

"Crowds at soccer matches often reach 80,000."

Those facts should keep the "rah-rah" quiet for a while!

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SA's FIFA referee, DONALD CAMPBELL, is hoping this will be his year — or rather next year, with the World Cup coming up in Mexico.

With the retirement of Peter Rampley, the 45-year-old Campbell is now Australia's senior referee.

During the last nine weeks of the NSL he spent only one week in his own State, and from all reports his performances interested were outstanding.

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ADELAIDE CITY is wasting no time building for next year.

President Mr CHARLIE CARUSO has announced the 1986 season for the club will be off and running within four weeks.

"We will not wait until November at the annual general meeting to decide what we should do," he said.

"The president board has the power to act now, and that's what we will do."

ADELAIDE City's Scottish import, COLIN McADAM, finally made it on the field as a first choice and proved he will be a bonus next season.

The bid former Glasgow Rangers' defender slotted into the left back berth, then as right back, in the second leg of a \$10,000 Challenge Cup match against West Adelaide.

McAdam had been nursing broken ribs since his debut as a substitute against Prston back on June 23.

This time out he impressed in the air, never missing a header in defence or attack, and his passing was a treat despite a heavy, muddy pitch.

Keen to remain in Australia with his wife and three children, he has been signed until November and is expected to be offered a new two-year contract.

City won the Challenge 6-4 in extra time.

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SCOTT DICKSON has been named Wollongong City's player of the year and received the BHP Steel award.

BHP personnel manager John Thirlwell made the presentation to Dickson during the Wolves' successful end-of-season function at Fraternity Club.

Dickson has been a valuable player to the club, having played in midfield, at the back as a striker.

Youth player of the year is Peter Ruskin, who helped his team take the championship — a history-making step for the Wollongong club.

Rookie of the year is PAT BRODNIK, 19, who played most of the season as striker in first grade and who is set to make a name for himself in the NSL next season.

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MARCONI COACH LES SCHEINFLUG denies that star forward DAVID LOWE was annoyed about being substituted in the vital NSL semi-final against Sydney Olympic.

"David sat on the bench and spent the rest of the match screaming encouragement for the rest of the lads after he came off," said Les.

ONE of the most disappointing teams in NSW's Skypak State League this year has been Parramatta Melita Eagles.

Strongly tipped to take the premiership and bounce back to the National League, Melita provided their keen fans with a big let-down.

EMANUEL said, Melita's president, summed up the situation when he said: "Things didn't work out this year. It was a hard competition to win. In State League soccer, you have no time to play - opponents keep coming at you non-stop."

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YOU can forget about any surprise changes in Australia's team for the first World Cup match against New Zealand in Auckland on September 21.

Asked about the likely line-up, national coach FRANK AROK commented: "I refuse to be mesmerised by players at this stage of preparation. There is not much chance for any new players to make the World Cup team."

Arok, however, did suggest that he needed to bring in a couple of fringe selections for the matches against China.



David Lowe: Suggestions were made that his feathers were more than a little ruffled after being subbed against Olympic — this was not the case.

SYDNEY CITY are surely the most unpopular team in the northern division of the Olympic Airways National League ... and it's difficult to understand why.

Could it simply be a case of envy from supporters of less talented opposing teams?

City coach EDDIE THOMSON takes it all in his stride.

When he heard Sydney City were part of a semi-final double-header, Eddie cracked: "We'll have two lots of fans against us this time - the Croatian people because we're playing against their side and Olympic because they always boo us!"

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IT was a major disappointment for everyone when there was such poor crowd response to early matches in the World Youth Championship in the Soviet Union.

If there was one game which should have pulled in a capacity attendance it was the opener between the USSR and Australia.

But a generous estimate put the crowd at 15,000 and there were vast empty spaces on the terraces at the Dynamo Minsk stadium.

Interesting to recall the words of coach JIMMY SHOULDER before he left for the Championship. Said Jimmy: "I'm a bit concerned about how the youngsters will react in front of a crowd of 80,000 in the Minsk stadium."

He needn't have worried!

EDDIE KRNCCEVIC didn't exactly endear himself to national coach FRANK AROK when negotiations broke down for the Cercle Bruges centre-forward to play for Australia in the World Cup.

It seems Eddie wanted to pick and choose what matches he played in, a situation no coach could accept.

Arok said: "I did my best to get Krncevic but his terms were impossible. I think he even wanted to decide the number on his jersey!"

The Socceroos have managed without Krncevic for three years and they'll survive without him this year.

But it is to be hoped there is not a deep rift between player and coach - Eddie could be useful next year if Australia gets to Mexico.

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ST GEORGE'S star midfielder, MARK BARTON is recovering in St Luke's hospital at Potts Point after his serious knee injury.

Extensive as it was, surgery was a fair success although the operation involved repairs to all three ligaments (cruciate, lateral and medial).

Mark sustained the injury during the minor semi-final against Sydney Olympic two weeks ago.

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COACH JIMMY SHOULDER admitted the loss of Youth Soccer captain ANDREW BERNAL to Sporting Gijon was a serious blow to Australia's hopes in the World Youth Championship.

The loss was felt a lot more in Russia if the games against the Soviet Union and Canada are any indication.

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WHEN Sydney Olympic were knocked out of the top five series by Marconi, one NSL administrator looked most upset and said: "That's a great pity. Soccer needed Olympic in the grand final to make sure of a big crowd."

On the other side of the coin, another official observed: "It's great to get rid of Olympic. At least we should have a trouble-free grand final without their crazy supporters."

All of which emphasises that Sydney Olympic have the best and the worst fans in soccer.

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Eddie Krncevic in action for Australia.

MR CARUSO said that even if there were changes to the board at the AGM elections, there would still be sufficient numbers of the present officials to guide any newcomers.

"We will appoint coaches, clinch sponsorship deals and sign players," he said.

"This time we have more cash to spend on the team after a season of financial consolidation."

"We hope to make an impact on the league in 1986."

ROBBIE PARKS, the former Apia goalkeeper who returned to Adelaide a few weeks ago to sign for State League club Campbelltown, has paid his way.

Taken on to replace top keeper LOUIS PIVETTA, who had had booked an Italian holiday and left with six weeks of the season to play, Parks has helped take Campbelltown into the PGH Federation Cup final, and kept it in the race for a top six place to play in the summer Ampol Cup, and a certain top eight spot for the end-of-season Premier Cup.



Action from last weeks Marconi — Sydney Olympic encounter.

## STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE:** 24.11.54, Kogarah, Sydney.

**HEIGHT:** 6'1"

**MARRIED:** Yes, to Terri and they have a baby son named Ryan.

**OCCUPATION:** School-teacher at Granville Boys High.

**PLAYING POSITION:** Central defender but originally a midfielder.

**CLUBS PLAYED FOR:** Bankstown as a junior but with Sydney City the last 13 years.

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Joe Watson, Kevin Mullen, Johnny Stevenson, Ian Rush, Paul McGrath.

**FAVOURITE CLUBS:** Sydney City, South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday.

**CAR:** Datsun Sport, 260 Z.

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER:** "When not selected for the Australian team much earlier in my career. By that I'm referring especially during the 1981-82 period when Rudi Gutendorf was in charge."

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** "My parents and Eddie Thomson"

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES:** Basketball, Surfing, Golf and Tennis.

**FAVOURITE FILM STARS:** Jacqueline Bisset and Jack Lemmon.

**LONG TERM AMBITIONS:** To be healthy and generally happy.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** "I don't clean my boots after a victory. I have very dirty boots at present."

**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** Most music. Anything melodic.

**MAJOR INJURIES:** A broken nose five times, a broken cheekbone and heaps of stitches for gashes to head and legs.

**BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES:** Australia.

**BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES:** David Ratcliffe and Joe Watson.

**NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP:** Israel and New Zealand. But I'm confident we will beat both.

Going on experience, both these countries will be hard but we will beat them and go on to take on Spain or Scotland."

STEVE  
O'CONNOR

## YOUTHFUL WITH LITTLE EXUBERANCE

THE LACK of technical prowess in the Australian Youth side was borne out to all observers against the Canadians in that bland 0-0 draw.

The offset of it all was that the Australian would face the ever-so-daunting task of defeating the classy Nigeria in order to qualify for the quarter-finals ... something they were unable to do.

The Aussies started well enough. In the third minute, Chris Kalantzis, the man everyone had pinned their hopes on, slammed a side-footed shot from some 30 metres that just whistled past the left upright. An extraordinary shot really.

It seemed for a time (albeit a short time), that the Australians would settle the game down in the midfield as they played the short passes effectively, oh how we were deceived!

Aimless clearances from the back were the order of the day with captain Robbie Hooker being one of the main culprits.

With this our much vaunted midfield of Bundalo, Sharpe and Panagis were given little or no opportunity to 'get into the match'. Although when they had the chance they left a lot to be desired.

Australia should have grabbed the first goal in the 15th minute. A charge down the left by Hristodoulou led to the Canadian goalie coming out of his area to clear the ball with his boot.

The ball fell perfectly to the feet of Australia's goal-scoring extraordinaire, Warren Spink. With no one within 20 metres of the Canadian goal, he contrived to chip the ball wide. A case of rushing a shot when he had all the time in the world.

Whether it was Jimmy Shoulder's tactics or just the way the

team decided played out on the field we shall not know but the sight of two of the most gifted playmakers in the side, namely Alex Bundalo and John Panagis playing as workhorses ... well it more than astounded me.

Soon after Mark Jones had a shot saved in the 20th minute, Canada built an attack that seriously threatened the Australians.

An ensuing corner from the left saw Paul Jones completely misjudge the flight of the ball. The ball fell perfectly for Canadian striker Doug McNaught who with the goal at his mercy hit the cross-bar.

There was little or no imagination in Australia's play. Whenever the long balls did reach Kalantzis or Spink there was never any support.

But truthfully, there was little or no idea from the Australian defence. The ball would on every occasion be 'hoofed' upfield to no one in particular.

The service was shabby the support was nil.

With a minute before the long awaited half-time break, another long ball, this time by Bundalo found Louis Hristodoulou in the Canadian area. The 17-year-old flicked the ball into the air, controlled it and volleyed at the near post only to be denied by the keeper Bryan Rosenfield.

The surprise of the match was the very effective appearance of AIS winger, Sean Ingham. He replaced Hristodoulou at half-time and made some scintillating if unrewarding breaks on the

right.

One of those explosive bursts found a cross zipping towards the near post in the 47th minute. Warren Spink was unable to finish it off.

Spink was obviously still troubled by the ankle injury he had sustained in the match against Russia, his mobility was stagnated and his usual deadly finishing was simply not there.

The game itself was not one for the purists. The ball was constantly in the air never allowing the game to become settled on the ground. A procession of throw-ins only served to worsen the tedium.

At the 72nd minute mark, Chris Kalantzis belatedly showed some of his renowned zip. He beat his marker John Dispasquale for what must have been one of the few times in the match and hit a cross to Spink who managed only a meek header from 6 metres that went wide.

The last real opportunity fell to the 'Mapleleaves' when a cross from McNaught had Alex Bundalo heading just over his own bar for a corner ... much too close for comfort!

**MAN OF THE MATCH: JEFF CAMBRIDGE, the Canadian centre-back. Looked a class performer, never let anything bother him was a tower of strength.**

**AUSTRALIA:** P.Jones 6, McLennan 5.5, M.Jones 5.5, Hooker 5.5, Postecos 6, Bundalo 6, Sharpe 6.5, Panagis 6 (Koczka 59), Hristodoulou 6 (Ingham 46), Spink 5, Kalantzis 6.

**CANADA:** Rosenfeld 7, Tomasetti 7, Giffillan 6.5, Cambridge 7.5, Dispasquale 7.5, Slovy 6, Thomas 7, Bunbury 6, Simon 6, McNaught 7, Pretto 6 (Phillips 46).

**REFEREE:** Ali-Ben Naceur 7

**CROWD:** 11,107

— FRANK COLETTA

## AUSSIES CRASH OUT OF CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's Youth team crashed out of the World Youth Championship in the USSR in an inglorious manner, when they lost 3-2 to Nigeria after leading 2-0 in the first session.

A mixture of bad selection, lost concentration and wrong tactics all contributed to Australia's loss.

Experienced, hardened NSL players of the likes of Andy Koczka and Peter Petkovski never came on the pitch. Both in my opinion were needed.

Having gone two matches without scoring, Australia eventually scored their first goal in the 26th minute against the Nigerians through midfielder John Panagis.

Panagis slammed a free-kick which was cleared out by the goalkeeper. The loose ball was knocked back into the box from the right flank where Nigeria's goalkeeper, Agwu failed to cut off.

Panagis was left free in front of the net to tap home Australia's first goal in the World Youth Championship after 206 minutes of football.

Blockbusting winger, Chris Kalantzis had tested Nigeria's goalkeeper in the eighth minute with a 25 metre shot which took a deflection off a defender and went wide.

In the 32nd minute, striker Warren Spinks belted a free-kick from 20 metres well on target but equally well blocked by Nigeria's goalkeeper over the top for a corner.

In the 37th minute, following a corner from David Sharpe Australia was awarded a penalty by Japanese referee Shizvo Takada for handball.

Spinks latched onto the ball from the corner, belted a vicious drive on target but a Nigerian defender tried to stop the shot going in with his hand.

Kalantzis took the penalty and although he scored, the Nigerian goalkeeper dived to his left and touched the ball onto the post but the shot had sufficient power to cannon into the net.

Australia leading 2-0 it looked all over bar the shouting for the quarter-finals.

But alas, it was not to be.

Slack defending crept into Australia's play in the second session and the penalty was to be paid.

Coach Jimmy Shoulder, again in my opinion, made a vital mistake when he decided to take off Alex Bundalo who looked the most constructive player for the Australians. Bundalo was replaced in the 65th minute by John Gregson.

From almost that moment, Australia lost all control, composure and guidance.

Nigeria pulled back a goal in the 63rd minute following a scrambled effort by substitute Niy Adiele.

In the 78th minute, Nigeria locked up the scoreline at 2 - 2.

Striker Odiaka dragged out off his line Australia's goalkeeper Paul Jones before scrambling into the net with two defenders around him on the right post.

Just a minute later, the very speedy, tricky left striker Mark Anunobi, beat two Australian defenders before cracking a bullet drive that flashed into the net centimetres inside the right post.

Five minutes from full-time, Nigeria hit the crossbar through Osaro and 60 seconds from the end Australia's Gregson headed straight into the hands of the Nigerian goalkeeper from three metres out.

And so Australia crashed out of the World Youth Championships for 1985.

Jim Shoulder stated after the match:

"We lost because we did not take all our chances in the first half and we were punished for it in the end even though we showed greater commitment in this match than against Canada."

**AUSTRALIA:** P.Jones: Postecos, Hooker, M.Jones, McLennan: Bundalo (Gregson 65), Sharpe, Panagis (Hristodoulou 83): Ingham, Spink, Kalantzis.

**NIGERIA:** Agwu: Eveeh, Onye, Waldi, Uwe, Odu, Igbimabaro, Odiaka, Anunobi, Sia-Sia, Ipaye.

**REFEREE:** Shizvo-Takada.

**CROWD:** 3,000.



MICHAEL McLENNAN

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# RICHARD'S A SCORCHER!

CHANCE is a fine thing and so it is for some players.

Opportunities sometimes occur because someone is in the right place at the right time.

For Richard Mulligan, right fullback for Rothmans league champions NZ Permanent Gisborne, his football career has been shaped by such fortune.

A chance visit to the Gisborne City clubrooms last season; an approach from Kevin Fallon to put on his boots again "...because City were a bit short of players..."; a chance suspension for John Enoka, City's regular right fullback at the time; and a gamble by Fallon saw Mulligan launched on a new stage in his footballing career.

Over recent months this born again footballer has stirred the most lethargic Gisborne fan and he has excited most with streams of pitch length wing runs and an odd goal or two (who will ever forget the 30 metre scorcher he got for the All Whites against the KK team to be repeated almost identically for home fans against DB Wellington the following Sunday?)

Mulligan has been so impressive that coach Fallon has found it hard to keep him out of the national team.

## HARD WORK

Like Everton's Peter Reid, recently called to the England squad at age 29, Mulligan at 27 years of age is a bit long in the tooth to be getting his first break in the big-time.

"But now I have made it," he says, "I am going to work very hard to stay there."

Mulligan has had a long career near the top of soccer in New Zealand. He started as a teenager with Terry Conley's Christchurch United, getting his first Rothmans League game at age 16.

Six years at Christchurch were followed by two years with Woolston Working Men's club. Then for a season he played with Invercargill Thistle in their one season in the Rothmans League.

In 1983, Richard moved north to Gisborne and for this lad, born in Dunedin and reared in Christchurch it was something of a home-coming. His father is from the East Coast.

The '83 season saw City struggling near the foot of the table and for Mulligan it began to look like history repeating itself. Woolston had been relegated from the Rothmans League when he was with them and Thistle lasted only a year. He began to wonder if he was some kind of jinx.

At the start of the '84 season Richard gave soccer away but donned his boots weekly to turn out for the local Marist rugby

## Mulligan's late run to the top

□ MULLIGAN in action against Fiji.



team. Then came Fallon's approach and it was all on.

The biggest impression for anyone watching this most recent but not so young wonder-boy is that he seems to do it all with such ease and grace. Watching him leave the rest for dead in a training endurance run; watching him outspurt team-mates with inconspicuous strength and watching him power drive the ball with such grace and immaculate timing he makes it all seem so easy.

## JIM BATSON

He is sleek and he is quick.

"I enjoy the physical work," he says. "And Fallon keeps us very fit." As a winger-cum-fullback his role has not changed much. "I kind of do what I have always done but I now have the entire area between the goal-lines to work in."

Among his many talents he is also unassuming. Chance has given Richard Mulligan his opportunity and he has grabbed it with both hands.

# NEW ZEALAND SQUAD

NEW ZEALAND's 22-man squad to play Australia in the World Cup elimination match in Auckland on September 21:

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COL WALKER  
KEVIN HAGEN  
CRAIG LITTLE



Wynton Rufer challenges Brazilian goalkeeper Valdir Perez during the last World Cup finals in Spain.

## ROMANIA WINS IN WORLD CUP

ROMANIA beat Finland 2-0 in World Cup qualifying group three.

SCORERS: Gheorghe Hagi (six minutes) Dorin Mateut (57).

## GROUP THREE STANDING:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	15	1	8
Romania	5	2	2	1	8	4	6
N Ireland	5	3	0	2	7	5	6
Finland	7	2	2	3	6	12	3
Turkey	4	0	0	4	1	15	0

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# QUEENSLAND

## VIEW

BY MARK BRIGDEN

# AN UNSTABLE CITY

**BRISBANE CITY, one of the founding teams in Australia's national format, continued to demonstrate their instability with the sensational sacking of coach Jim Hermiston.**

This now takes their tally to 14 coaching appointments since the inception of the competition in 1977, including four different coaches in the last two seasons.

Obviously coaches at this level deserve far better treatment than they have been receiving. This is particularly applicable at Brisbane City when you look at the squad Hermiston inherited.

Last season, City finished second last and then proceeded to lose Frank Liddell, Steve Perry, Ken Swan and Alan Hughes from their playing strength.

The loss of Liddell and Perry was particularly harmful as they were the cornerstones on which the defence was built.

Mike Milovanovic, former Australian Youth and Canberra Arrows defender and now captain of City's NSL team, agreed that additional playing strength is needed. "We could do with four quality players for the team," he said, "and I mean players from outside the local competition."

This is the general feeling amongst the supporters as well and yet club president, John Ciavarella, has placed the blame squarely at the feet of Hermiston.

"We are not very happy with the results we have got. If we can find someone better we will get him," Ciavarella said.

This was said despite the late start to Hermiston's season, having only taken over in June, despite the accepted lack of playing strength and despite a mid-season boom that faintly hinted at a semi-final place.

Some sanity later prevailed however when secretary Sue Conti claimed: "Ciavarella acted without authorisation from the remainder of the Board". It was also revealed that a new committee is to be elected in November and the decision on a coach for next season is up to them.

Support is growing for long-term committee member and a previous club president, Sam Pappalardo, to again hold that position.

Whatever the out-

come of the committee, it is important they realise the present need for stability and sanity. Additional players must be

sought and then full confidence and support should be provided for both the players and the coaching staff.



FRANK LIDDELL

## OZ' IN CLOGS

**FORMER Brisbane Lions National League coach, Simon Kistemaker, has opened the door for Australian players to trial in Holland.**

Kistemaker, now manager of leading Second division club and promotion fancies Cambuur, said he believed there were young players in Australia who had the right attitude to make the grade in Dutch football.

He did not, however, approach any of the present young Soceroos squad in Holland last week as part of their preparation for the World Youth Championships.

But Kistemaker named his former team members Danny Wright, Alan Hunter, Calvin Daunt and Brett Beeves as players he believed could make a go of Dutch football.

Beeves is one player

who has often expressed a desire to prove himself overseas. Despite being unable to displace Wayne Evans as Lions National League keeper, many people are greatly impressed by Brett's courage and remarkable ability.

There is no doubt he has the technical ability to make the grade in Europe and his fierce determination would be admired by foreign managers.

Alan Hunter is another player whose natural style appears suited to Dutch football. A big and powerful defender, he is most comfortable when given a free reign to push forward and display his natural skills.



# KESSON DOES IT AGAIN!

**THE canny Scotsman, Ian Kesson, continues to prove his ability in spotting and developing young talent.**

Kesson is currently coach of Queensland Premier League team Taringa Rovers, having taken them from relegation certainties when he took over last year to finish in a respectable 8th position and then further improving this year to possible semi-finals.

This has been achieved with a team of amateurs containing only two blue form players.

Leading the charge on the semi-finals is Barry Kelso, still the best target man in the state. Kelso would be well known down south through his aggressive displays for both Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

However, in recent years he has languished in lower divisions. Following his decision to again get serious, big Barry sought out Kesson and his recent acquisition has added the necessary aggression to complement the skilful youngsters around him. Kesson is aware of Barry's displeasure with defensive work,

saying "I can accept his not chasing defenders as long as he is scoring. Just watch him work when he have the ball."

Barry has frustrated several coaches with this attitude. However, his present coach simply says "I can get the big guy to function."

This simple statement is the key to the success of Kesson's teams. He has the utmost respect of all his players and the ability to get the best out of them. Despite being a strong disciplinarian he encourages them to express themselves and he is a strong advocate of skilful soccer.

His present team is based on a young tight midfield, full of running in which Frank Byrne has been a real force; a back-line that has proved itself the best in the league with Mark Gilbert the find of the season and skilful Marty Ratcliffe and youth star Jarrod Austin joining Kelso up front.

The successful

transformation at Taringa follows hot on the heels of Kesson's four years in charge of the reserve team at Brisbane Lions where he instituted one of the most successful youth policies this state has ever seen. Not only was he responsible for polishing the skills of the talented youngsters but he was the inspiration behind the capture of many of the state's most promising youths.

He is pleased to have been a part of the development of these kids to a stage where they can now strut their wares on a National League level.

Despite working with many of the State's best talents in recent years, Kesson believes "the standard of football in Queensland is not progressing and this is due to the decreased skill factor in recent years."

His opinions are widely respected and he does have the credentials to speak with authority. From 1971 to 1975 he was a

staff coach on the Queensland Soccer Coaches Federation and during this time, he was a director of the highly acclaimed National Fitness camps. He has also had representative honours being in charge of the Queensland team for three games and suffering only one loss. That was a 2-0 defeat by Sunderland in 1976 but was followed by a 1-1 draw against Hong Kong and a 4-4 draw against the Australian World Cup side the next year.

His ideas for improvement include finding a way to get ex-players in the refereeing ranks without their having to spend years graduating.

He also believes that indoor soccer could do wonders for the talents of our youngsters if we could adapt their aggressive style and ensure referees gave them sufficient protection.

While Queensland has coaches of this calibre, the code can only be getting off to a good start.

# ROCKHAMPTON SOCCER

## ALIVE AND WELL

**ROCKHAMPTON soccer is alive and well with recent successes in both junior and senior events.**

The senior Rockhampton team recently handed out a 5-1 thrashing to completely demoralise Gladstone and by doing so won back the Morning Bulletin Cup which has always in the past provided great inter-city rivalry and has produced some memorable clashes.

In a one-sided attacking game, Rockhampton captain, Steve Cunningham took full advantage of his forward striking position to score three superb goals.

Cunningham's efforts, however, were overshadowed by man of the match Peter Marshall who turned in a brilliant game.

Marshall constantly blitzed the Gladstone defence, with many of his brilliant wing-attacking cross passes turning out to be the catalysts of many Rockhampton goals.

Spinning the ball deep into opposition territory, turning his man at will and lofting many timely passes to players in the right position, Marshall soon became the lynch-pin of the Rockhampton attack.

The game was played at Ryan Park and produced some sparkling, entertaining play

with Rockhampton's domination proving to be a great spectacle for the pro-Rockhampton crowd.

In the opening minutes of the game, Gladstone opened the scoring account after some misunderstanding between Rockhampton goalie Tony Spurge and defender Lance Neaton which allowed Gladstone to score a loose goal. Cunningham dismissed criticism about complacency in the team's defence saying that it was the team's first run together since May and they lacked cohesion.

Gladstone were on the defence the whole game and apart from their first goal, were never in hunt. Rockhampton coach Richard Evans could not have been happier with his side's effort.

Evans said the attitude of the team was the best in many games and the team was far too technically superior to Gladstone on the night.

In the junior section the Central Queensland team went to Townsville to compete in the State Titles. The team was unlucky to win silver instead of gold after some fine showings.

They lost only two of their nine games and beat eventual winners Brisbane South, but a loss to an unfancied South West team upset the Central Queensland hopes of the gold medal.

Two CQ players are candidates for the Queensland state side. Guy Rigby was selected in the state side and Glen Sheppard was named as shadow player if the original player was injured.

CQ captain John Gould of Gladstone suffered two major disappointments with his team coming second and, after being voted player of the tournament, missed selection in the State team.

Coaching director Richard Evans was critical of Gould's exclusion from the team saying it was a bit of a travesty.

The Central Queensland team will be playing in the U/15 division at the State Titles next year. Rockhampton will host the titles and the team will be out to avenge their defeat.

TONY FEATHERSTONE BRAD SMITH

## STEIN CALLS IT A DAY

**EASTERN Suburbs Premier League defender, Rod Stein, has decided this season will be his last.**

He has given 22 years service to the club and deservedly a testimonial has been arranged in his honour.

"I played with and against the best in the state, but unfortunately the number of quality players is decreasing," he said. "It's hard for defenders these days with forwards doing far more work off the ball both in attack and defence."

More evidence that the increased work rate has detracted from exciting skilful soccer.



# BILL TURNER CUP FINALS ARE DECIDED

## BILL TURNER CUP - PLAY-OFF THIRD PLACE 1985

### FITTING RESULT

The Play-off for third place in this years "Bill Turner Cup" series ended with a most fitting result, a 3-all draw. The spectators who came early were treated to a soccer feast as the game produced its six explosive goals from Belmore Boys High and Oxley High. Belmore led early but were quickly overtaken by Oxley for the 2-1 half time score.

Tung Dang was in great form to sweep Belmore back into the lead with two top goals. Just when it appeared that Belmore had the match in its grasp Marco Rindo swung in a great shot from the left to completely deceive the keeper which gave Oxley a deserving equaliser.

In both his matches Belmore captain John Gibson impressed and he appears destined to have a bright future in Australian soccer. Being based in Sydney he should receive his chance, unlike the lads from the Tamworth side who get limited opportunities.

Belmore Boys High 3 (Tung Dang 2, John Gibson) drew with Oxley High 3 (Daniel Canu, Ronny Rindo, Marco Rindo). Referee Mr. P. Caban.

## BILL TURNER CUP - FIRST SEMI FINAL August 30, 1985

### CANBERRA FIND FEET

Canberra High took over half an hour to find their feet against the speedy Belmore Boys High side in the first semi final of the "Bill Turner Cup" played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Tuesday night August 30.

It had taken eight hours of travel for them to reach Newcastle. However they eventually put it together in the second half to run out clear winners 3-1.

Belmore took an early lead thanks to a brilliantly taken goal by John Gibson who headed home a pin point cross from Mark Lisgaris.

They peppered the Canberra keeper Anthony Giannasca but he was equal to the task during the first half and most patrons expected Belmore to finish it off after the break.

But it was not to be. Cameron Tully put one away in the fifth minute from a set play following a free kick. Midway through the half Damien Jugovic put them ahead, again following a free kick for an overzealous tackle.

Tully sealed the match with his well taken second goal which goalkeeper Spiro Pantzouris hardly had a chance to see.

Canberra High 3 (Tully 2, Jugovic) d Belmore Boys High 1 (Gibson). Referee Mr. Robert Dunn.

## BILL TURNER CUP - SECOND SEMI FINAL August 20, 1985

### PENALTY FATE

The ability to kick penalties decided the fate of the second semi final of the 1985 "Bill Turner Cup" played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Tuesday night August 20.

The two teams Glendale High and Tamworths, Oxley High had turned on an exhilarating display of schoolboy soccer without being able to penetrate the defence of the other for that all important goal.

The skills of both sides frequently brought spontaneous applause from the good sized crowd in attendance although the match ended at normal time 0-0.

Then with eight minutes of extra time remaining Daniel Canu found room to move and singlehandedly beat four defenders and the goalkeeper Kevin Murrell to take the lead.

At that moment the exit game appeared most popular. Spectators had been saying - "One goal will win it". But how wrong they were.

Inside one minute Michael Bolch found strength and speed that saw Oxley flat-footed and he blasted in tremendous equaliser. The spectators flocked back.

With no more goals the teams faced the dreaded penalty kicks. Glendale, although missing with the first attempt went on to win 4-2. Both teams trooped off to a standing ovation.

Glendale High 1-4 penalties d Oxley High 1-2 penalties. Referee Mr. Stephen Screen.

## OAK SPONSORS TURNER CUP

Mr. Ray Stanford, Marketing Manager for the OAK Dairy Company has announced that they will sponsor the "Bill Turner Cup" in 1986.

Speaking to the large crowd who attended this years final at Macquarie Field, Mr. Stanford said that his Company was pleased to be associated with an organisation who pursued such a fine youth display.

Since 1979 the "Bill Turner Cup" has been sponsored by the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Ltd. Being the parent body, the Federation will still give financial assistance to the Cup series but the OAK Dairy Company will be the major sponsor.

Interviewed after Mr. Stanfords announcement, the Cup Co-ordinator Mr. Terry Hampton who is Science Master at Wallsend High, said he was delighted by OAKS substantial support. "We have had to struggle for seven years but now it appears to be all worth while. The OAK Company fully endorses our strict code of ethics in supporting today's young

people", he added.

The President of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Ltd. Mr. Dave Williams warmly welcomed OAK'S entry into the field of schoolboy soccer. He assured Mr. Stanford of his soccer states full co-operation.

No doubt the OAK sponsorship will help develop the Bill Turner Cup competition even more in 1986. This year actually saw it officially become the biggest competition of any kind in Australia.

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## RUDY ROTH TROPHY HUNTER REGION GIRL FINAL 1985

Following their win in the C.H.S. Ku-ring-gai Cup the previous Friday night Warners Bay High appeared a little jaded as they tackled a very determined Gateshead High in the final of the Hunter Region "Rudy Roth Trophy" on Wednesday night August 21 at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

Under instructions from coach Nick Gordon, Gateshead kept up constant pressure on the more favoured side and actually ousted them pretty well out of the play during the first half.

In fact such was the pressure, that Gateshead forced Warners Bay to concede an own goal which levelled the scores following a Lisa Freeman special, midway through the first half.

However Warners Bay coach Paul Freeman used some word magic at the interval and the Bay came back to produce the brand of soccer to which local fans have become accustomed.

Lisa Freeman finished off a great move to give Warners Bay the lead and then Kelly Job sealed the result with an excellent shot late in the game.

Mr. Roth Jnr. presented the trophy and the pennants to both sides as they made their ceremonial walk up and across the grandstand.

Warners Bay High 3 (Lisa Freeman 2, Kelly Job) d Gateshead High 1 (Joy Wyatt O/G). Referee Mr. R Ashbourne.

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## JUNIOR CHIT CHAT FROM THE BILL TURNER CUP FINAL

Mr. Ray Stanford the Marketing Manager for the OAK Dairy Company was speaking at the presentation following the Bill Turner Cup final when one of his comments brought a roar from the large crowd.

Quote. "I knew the Canberra High team would win tonight... because... Canberra always wins".

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Glendale's Paul Coutts won a Best and Fairest Award donated by True Blue Leisure Wear, Edgeworth. A popular decision.

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The OAK Dairy Company supplied large cartons of flavoured milk for all the players after their games. The gesture was greatly appreciated.

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The committee organising the Bill Turner Cup final was pleased with the 766 crowd who attended on the night. With Glendale being the only local school the number was most rewarding.

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There was naturally some disappointment when SBS TV notified Mr. Hampton that because of budget problems they could not cover this years final between Canberra and Glendale. Local station NBN Channel 3 covered both nights and gave pleasing coverage. All radio stations went out of their way to support the series. The Newcastle press gave excellent pre semi finals coverage.

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## BILL TURNER CUP FINAL 1985

### CANBERRA CONQUERS IN TURNER CUP GLENDALE GALLANT

Canberra High came to Macquarie Field, Speers Point and conquered the opposition to take out the 1985 "Bill Turner Cup". It was a thrilling final that

had the 766 spectators almost as exhausted as the players when referee Dennis Jackson blew for full time, such was their involvement.

Many leading soccer identities from Newcastle expressed amazement at the speed and skills exhibited by the players. End to end soccer dominated the first half, most of it being carpet football and the 0-0 scoreline reflecting the state of the game.

Seven minutes into the second half Cu Nyegen took matters into his own hands and forced his way through the tight Glendale defence to register the only score of the game.

From then on Canberra withstood some of the most sustained pressure seen in Turner Cup football since its inception back in 1979. Wave after wave of Glendale's relentless attacking soccer was repulsed by the equally determined defenders from the nations capital.

In one raid, only goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca stood between victory or a draw. His spectacular reflex save brought cries of disbelief from pro Glendale supporters, but generous applause followed.

But it was Canberra who filed up to the dias, high in the grandstand, to receive the rewards for their efforts. Mr. Alan Beard, Area-Director of Education for the Hunter Region was on hand to present the Cup to Canberras skipper Anthony Giannasca. When Anthony held the Cup above his head the Newcastle crowd expressed to him and his team mates their generous approval for a tremendous effort. Mr. Ray Stanford of the OAK Dairy Company presented the winners pennants and Mr. Beard the Runners Up pennants.

A very happy visitor was Mr. Alan Thomas, Principal of Canberra High who travelled to the ground for the final.

Canberra High 1 (Nyegen) d Glendale 0. Referee Mr. D. Jackson. Crowd 766.

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## KU-RING-GAI CUP FINAL 1985

Warners Bay High won the C.H.S. Ku-ring-gai Cup for the first time when they defeated Kirrawee High 2-1

at Barton Park Stadium on Friday night August 16.

Kirrawee have had a good record in the Cup over the years, winning it once and being runners up to the great Gateshead side of the early eighties.

The way they started this final it appeared it was only a matter of time before they settled the issue for the night. For fifteen minutes they hardly gave Warners Bay a kick. The Lakesiders hardly knew what hit them as wave after wave of Kirrawee attacks made it a one sided contest.

That is, with two exceptions. Cheryl Freeman returning to the team after a severe illness tackled everything in sight. It was said in jocular vein that even the referee had to be careful. The other exception was goalkeeper Peta Whitehead. Had her saving ability during that quarter of an hour been translated into money she would have left the ground a very rich lady.

Consequently Kirrawee did not score and Warners Bay came back. The no

score at half time though did flatter Warners Bay.

However in the second half Warners Bay showed the quality that has made them the force they have been all this season.

Steadily they gained the ascendancy. C.H.S. gold medal winner for being the Star player of the final, Lisa Freeman was first to score. She followed up some good left side play by taking a return pass from Libby Marshall to slam away the ball.

The second goal came from a corner kick by Lisa Freeman. The ball came right to the hamstring injured, Libby Marshall who could only move sufficiently to guide it into the net.

With four minutes remaining C.H.S. striker Jodie Walker lost her "shadow" Jody Connolly for five seconds but it was long enough for her to pile drive a brilliant goal for Kirrawee - but it was too late. Great game.

Warners Bay 2 (Lisa Freeman, Libby Marshall) d Kirrawee 1 (Jodie Walker).

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## HIGH FLYERS



ABOVE and BELOW: RAAF action from recent challenge matches.



AT least two of New Zealand's players selected for the World Cup matches against Australia are not genuine New Zealanders.

The pair are KEVIN HAGAN and COLIN WALKER.

They are sweating on becoming naturalised in time to face the Soccer-oos in Auckland on September 21.

Of course, the Kiwis always field a large number of UK imports in their national teams.

Unkind folk suggest there would be no New Zealand team without British players!



The Area Director of Education for the Hunter Region Mr Alan Beard — presents the Bill Turner Cup to the Captain of Canberra High Anthony Giannasca after Canberra 1-0 win over Glendale High at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

## ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

Tarrawanna coach Gary Masters doesn't think he will be taking the job again next season.

Masters says he wants a break from coaching having just finished building a new home.

He has done a good job with the Tarrawanna side this season and if they could have scored a few more goals they would have cruised into the semi-finals.

Masters brought about an overall improvement in the side after doing a similar job with struggling Shellharbour last year.

No doubt other clubs will be trying to get him to stay in the coaching business next season, particularly those nearer the bottom of the league.

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The premier league semi-finals will be played this week with Bulli coach Norm Flanagan confident his team will be vastly improved in recent showings.

Since they clinched the championship, Bulli have looked scrappy and Flanagan admits this was only to be expected.

"It is really an anti-climax when a side wins the league with three games to play," Flanagan said.

"Suddenly the pressure is off and the players tend to worry more about the semi-finals and finals rather than matches they have to play knowing there is no interest in the result."

Bulli are without doubt the most consistent side in the league and must be favoured to make amends for their grand final loss to Fernhill last year.

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Tarrawanna officials were upset when Warilla Wanderers "stacked" their under 19 side for the last premiership game of the season.

Warilla needed to win the game to clinch the championship and after they achieved this Tarrawanna officials gave them a blast.

Tarrawanna secretary Mrs Bea Tomlinson said it was poor sportsmanship for a club to do this.

"They put five first grades in their under 19 team to make sure of the championship," she said.

"We admit they were eligible to play in that grade but when they made the same players double up in first grade it didn't go down to well."

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A certain first division coach isn't too popular after leaving the bench early in his team's last game of the season.

It was a game with nothing hinging on the result and with 15 minutes to go the non-playing coach trekked off to the dressing room to have a shower as he was going out socially that night.

When he departed the replacements thought if it was good enough for him it was good enough for them so they followed.

Almost immediately a member of their team was injured and wanted to leave the field.

He was told to battle on as best he could as there was no-one on the sideline to take his place.

ANOTHER area outside of Newcastle that is proving its worth in Division soccer is Raymond Terrace, the home of Socceroo **MARSHALL SOPER.**

Raymond Terrace and Lambton Jaffas are having a neck and neck struggle in Third Division and the Premiership could easily be decided when the two sides meet.



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## ON THE GRAPEVINE

WITH TOM MCKAIN

### 'STACKS' OF RESERVES?!

ADELAIDE's two National Soccer League club may lose the luxury of having their reserve teams in State Leagues next season.

The crunch came the other week when West, threatened by relegation to the State League second division, fielded five NSL players, including coach Neil McGachey, against Beograd.

West won, but what upset Beograd and other First Division clubs, was that Beograd had been leading the table with one round to go.

It was replaced as leader by Salisbury.

Now Beograd is being backed by other clubs in a move to have the dual registration system changed.

They want no NSL players in the State Leagues — City plays in Second Division — or a limit of two or three at a time, and then only if they have not played in the NSL the previous weekend.

West and City, however, point out that if they are to do anything in the NSL they must have strong competition for their reserves.

West is also arguing that if they are to be a force then they must be able to offer their reserves First Division soccer.

And certainly many of City's fringe NSL players moved on when they did not gain promotion to First Division last year.

West will fight any move to dump them from the State League and pointed out they had not fielded NSL "stars" against Beograd.

President, Mr Frank Karagiannis, said there were only two stars at West — Martyn Crook, the former Socceroo goalkeeper, and current Socceroo Graham Honeyman.

"The other players cost us next to nothing or came up through our juniors," he said.

"We bought no stars this year.

"Brenton Hiern and Tim Brown played against Beograd after missing NSL games through suspension and injury, we bought Gary Price from Croatia and Nick Mousoulis was one of our boys who broke into the NSL squad only this year.

"As far as McGachey is concerned he came out of retirement this year and had played only two NSL games to help out the team."

McGachey got the winning goal in the 3p2 win over Beograd.

Both NSL clubs point out that the State League clubs want them to play in the summer Ampol Cup every season and insist on full NSL strength squads.

This is to pull in the huge support of the NSL pair.

"But when it comes to the winter, now we are supposed to leave out players we are entitled to use under the dual registration law," said Mr Karagiannis.

"It has to be one thing or the other. The State League clubs can't have it all ways."

SA Soccer Federation secretary, Mr Peter Nikolich, said the State League Council of Clubs had to the power to change the dual registration rule.

"They made it in the first place and they can have it dropped," he said.

Moves to have the law changed are expected to be taken at the next SA Federation Board meeting in a fortnight.



Martyn Crook in action

Unanderra are getting desperate in their bid for a suitable home ground next season.

Coached by Alec Fleming, Unanderra have won the first division title and earned a place in premier league but must have an enclosed ground.

They failed in a bid to share Kelly Park with Coniston and aren't expected to have any luck in their application to use the Police Boys' Oval.

Unless they get the ISA's permission to share Graham Park with West-Figtree they will miss out on promotion.

This will almost certainly mean Coniston will be the only club promoted and Oak Flats will go down.

Corrimal therefore another reprieve and they have big plans if they are retained in premier league.

"If we stay up we will spend some money on building our playing strength for 1986," secretary Peter Dent said.

Dent said the club have ploughed plenty of money on developing Memorial Park and now must concentrate more on their team.

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Bulli's Steve Sargeson has had a tough time since a recent skiing injury.

The Bulli defender had a spell in Canberra Hospital where he had his spleen removed and surgeons followed this up with an operation on one of his kidneys.

While he was in Canberra team-mates Michael Grew and Gary Mann made the long trip to visit him and cheered him up with news that Bulli had won the championship the previous day.

Sargeson's mishap will no doubt cause club coaches to think twice about allowing key players to go to the now during the soccer season.

Graham Honeyman — 'Ring-in'?

# SYDNEY CITY v BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE SHOWDOWN FOR THE CROWN of Australia part one is on at St George Stadium this Wednesday with the Northern Division champions (Sydney City) clashing with the pride of Melbourne—Brunswick Juventus winners of the Southern Division title.

Both teams have been highly impressive in the run-in to the National final and it would take a brave man to lean either way.

Indeed both have strong cases to be favourites.

Sydney City are shooting for their fourth national title, these credentials alone stand them in good stead for the clash.

Their renowned big match experience may well hold the key to the two matches, with such experienced personnel as John Kosmina, Alex Robertson, Joe Watson and Murray Barnes coupled with the youthful exuberance of youngsters such as Grant Lee and Frank Farina.

If fully fit, big David Mitchell the Australian

striker could well be the match-winner, for with his new-found canniness he could well be the surprise packet for the Slickers.

Brunswick on the other hand, have little experience in the big games but have shown enough in the duration of the season that they could well prove to be the deserved holders of the national title.

Their performances in the finals are testimony alone.

They easily accounted for Heidelberg and then knocked off South Melbourne (the reigning champions). Possibly their best effort was the Grand Final win over Preston.

They literally 'came back from the death' to defeat Preston on Sunday. Down 1-0 with four minutes remaining they struck with the venom of a python to notch two goals in a minute and take out the match.

The victory was made possible by the marauding Brunswick forwards, namely Cullen and Wade.

Brunswick must demand immense respect from Sydney City and rightly so when players of the calibre of Banovic, Petersen, Wade, Miranda and Sweeney adorning their side.

Sydney City's coach Eddie Thomson speaking to ASW this morning said, "Although I believe the first past the post victory is the most important but it would be great to finally do the double.

"As for Brunswick, I know a few of their players quite well and added is the fact that I have a few spies down in Melbourne."

One thing is for certain the match-up is a unique one and whether John Margaritis or Eddie Thomson triumph is anyone's guess.



Joe Sweeney one of Brunswicks trump cards



Andrew Zinni in action

## OLYMPIC AIRWAYS NATIONAL GRAND FINALS



### SYDNEY CITY

VS

### BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS



ALEX ROBERTSON



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PETER LEWIS



FRANK GEREMIA



GRANT LEE



JOHN KOSMINA



YAKKA BANOVIC



FABIO INCANTALUPO



# NSW — ASPA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE NSW-ASPA Player Of The Year Awards Dinner will be held next Friday evening at the Sydney Olympic Soccer Club and by the look of all the votes coming in from all over NSW it's going to be a close finish.

Last year's winner was Sydney Olympic's captain, Peter Raskopoulos who as well as receiving the ASPA trophy carried off the Radio Rentals sponsored prize of a Radio-Cassette Hi-Fi combination set valued at \$500.

This year's NSW-ASPA Player of the Year, will receive yet another super prize as well as the Australian Soccer Press Association's trophy.

The prize is a "Funai 3000H Compact Disc Player" valued at over \$500.

This Compact Disc player is the very latest in record players.

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On the same night, the Under 21 Player of NSW will also be announced.

Some of the leading candidates polling strongly for the senior award, are as follows:

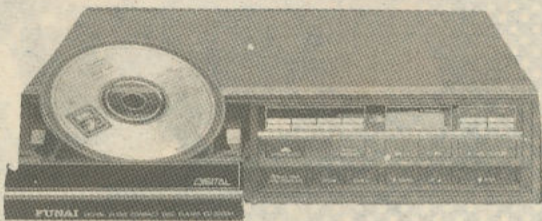
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Franken, Paul Carter, Rod Brown, Peter Raskopoulos, Grant Lee, Graham Jennings, Robbie Slater, Graham Arnold, Peter Tredinick to name but a few.

Members of the media, both the printed and electronic, have all

with the Australian Soccer Press Association's awards.

"The Compact Disc Player we are sponsoring to the Player of the Year is really something very special which will give the winner great many hours of pleasure."



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recorded their votes on a 3.2.1 basis.

By Friday morning, the eventual winner will have been determined.

Mr Kim Ward from Radio Rentals, told Australian Soccer Weekly last night:

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Winners from previous years have been:

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1977. Jimmy Rooney-Apia.

1978. Peter Stone-St George.

1979. Ivo Prskalo-Marconi.

1980. Peter Sharne-

Marconi.

1981. Ian Souness-Sydney City.

1982. Joe Watson-Sydney City.

1983. Phil O'Connor-Wollongong City.

1984. Peter Raskopoulos-Sydney Olympic.

1985????

Players, coaches, officials and referees will be at the Awards night next Friday evening and for the first time in the history of the NSW-ASPA Awards, ladies have been invited to attend.

And as was done last year, Radio Rentals will video-tape the whole evening's proceedings and a copy cassette of the show will be presented to the Award winner to treasure in years to come.

On behalf of all members of A.S.P.A., I would like to thank Radio Rentals for their support in Soccer once again.

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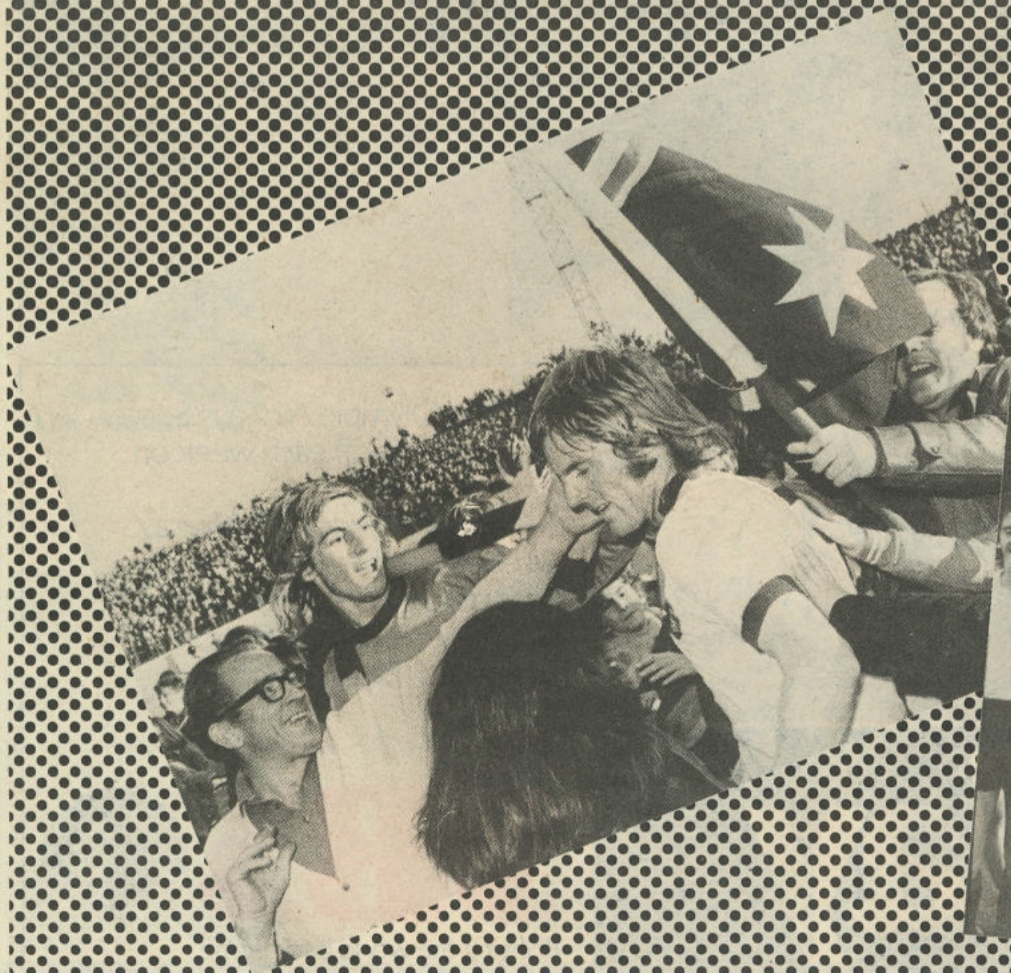
The Olympic Airways Soccer League kicks off each week on SBS TV.

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## 'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'

**PETER WILSON** Marconi bought him from South Coast United for \$6,000 in 1971. The following year he went back to South Coast, then known as Safeway United, for a transfer fee of \$12,500 and in 1974 he joined Western Suburbs, for \$9,000.

Wilson first won a place in the national team for the visit to Vietnam in early 1970. He became national captain when Johnny Warren was injured in 1971.

His height and strength made him the scourge of Asia and he was also one of the very best Australian players in West Germany.

His courageous performances were seen nation-wide on satellite TV and they drew praise from commentators throughout Europe. During the series he received rich offers from Tottenham of England and Hertha BSC of Germany but he decided to stay in Australia.

In his first year with South Coast, the club won its first ever championship. Marconi won the Sydney Grand Final after Wilson joined the club and they also went on to be runners-up in the State Cup and semi-finalists in the Ampol Cup.

In 1974 he led Wests to the Ampol Cup and Rothmans Cup finals but on both occasions they had to make do with second place.

Being a soccer star didn't make things all that rosy for Peter and his wife, Robyn. He, like many other national team players, lost four jobs because of the time he had to devote to the green and gold.

# JUNIOR SCENE

## JUNIOR SOCCER SHOULD BE COMPETITIVE

**MOST leading junior officials disagree that junior soccer for players Under the age of twelve should be non-competitive.**

This is the major feeling of junior administrators we spoke to this week following our article in the recent issue of ASW.

From the four Association secretaries we spoke to, all of them unanimously agreed that competitive soccer could be maintained throughout all the age groups.

But the leading administrator of junior soccer in New South Wales, Ian Holmes, president of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation agreed whole heartedly that competition soccer for players Under 12 should be banned.

"I believe that matches should be organised, but not on a competitive basis," Ian said.

"It is not necessary to have points.

"Parents forget that the game is for the youngsters.

"It is the parents who carry on from the sidelines, pushing and urging their respective side to maximum efforts to obtain the two points at stake."

Ian added that parents are the backbone of teams and clubs.

"But they can also be a problem as parents on the sideline," he said.

"What is really needed is a re-education programme for parents.

"A child's value in sport differs widely from that of an adult.

"The adult feels winning is important, whereas most children consider participation to be most important.

"Junior soccer players do not appreciate being yelled at and criticised by adults.

"All this could be eliminated if we allowed youngsters under the age of twelve, to just play and enjoy the game, without the pressure of winning."

Ian's views were totally the opposite to that of Southern Districts Association secretary John Wilson.

John said that he believed in competitive soccer for all age groups.

"The present system is working fine and should stay as it is," John said.

"If there is no competition, you will find that players will leave the sport and drift to the other football codes.



with  
**TONY RACITI**

## SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

## LAKE ALBERT SOCCER CLUB HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH GERMANS

**RECENTLY The Albert Soccer Club, Wagga Wagga hosted a visit by two West German Soccer Teams.**

These teams were made up of players from The Kassel District of Hesse West Germany and were billeted with families from our club. The exchange between our players and the West

Germans could be a lesson to our World Leaders, understanding and friendship was immediate.

On the field the players were rivals but the true spirit of sportsmanship was

noticeable.

It is hoped that this visit will be the first of many exchange visits between West Germany and Australian amateur soccer clubs and or associations.



ABOVE: A superb camera shot of action during the match between Lake Albert and The Kassel District. The Germans are on the attack.

## PEAKHURST PREMIERS

**PEAKHURST United Soccer Club can be proud of their Under 13A who for eight consecutive seasons have not been out of the top four.**

This year the team has progressed through the competition with 11 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss, scoring 34 goals and conceding only eight.

Peakhurst Under 13s

as premiers within the St George Association have now won the right to play in the prestigious New South Wales Champion of Champions tournament which commences next month.



Pictured from left to right: Ron Lea (coach), Robbie Greenfield, Don Rush, Tony Soccio, Mark Burgess, Mat Havilah, Glen Williams, Ari Visser, Kev Neary (manager), Mark Lea, Brad Officer, James Gadd, Jarrod Neary, Jason Ahearn, John Parker.

## KEMPS CREEK



From: L-R (standing) R. Moss (manager), A. Kozicki, J. Baravykas, V. Marciano, D.V. Talone, D. Moss, C. Bett and Lajos Maday (coach).  
Front L-R (kneeling) P. Park, M. Duckett, N. Stipicic, P. Maday, D. Grima, J. Maltese (not in photo N. Watson, sick).

**THIS team has a record any club would be proud of.**

Kemps Creek United Soccer Club Under 11 boys Nepean District, have an outstanding result this year.

They scored 110 goals, against 8 goals, they were undefeated right through the year (20 games win).

This Under 11 team has already won the competition and have also won the Round

Robin Knockout Cup, under the guidance of coach, Mr Lajos Maday and Mr R. Moss, manager, the boys played some very good soccer entertained all spectators.

We hope that these boys will one day represent our country in the said sport, well done boys.

## WE WANT YOUR JUNIOR NEWS!

Post stories and/or photos to  
ASW, PO Box 406, Broadway,  
NSW 2007

# YOUTH LEAGUE NEEDS CAPABLE ADMINISTRATORS

THE 1985 Youth League competition was completed at the Gabbie Stadium recently.

Those present would agree that the standard of soccer was excellent, as was the standard throughout the entire competition.

However only those involved would know the confusion surrounding the organisation of this League.

The common man on the street continually states that our playing ability does not compete with that overseas.

How wrong he is, not only is the standard in our Youth League high, but it would rate with any in the world.

What a pity we cannot say the same about our administration. Maybe we should sit back and think for a second why our junior players are not progressing to a senior level.

We would learn it is not so much a lack of professionalism in our coaching, but in our administration.

Take the running of our Metropolitan Youth League as an example.

Sydney Branch decided to form three groups of teams comprising of a Group A, B and C.

Each club would be graded according to the strength of their four Youth League teams.

At first glance this would seem as a highly presentable format.

As each group would consist of teams of fairly equal ability, avoiding those one sided affairs of past years.

But what looked good on paper, did not work in practice, mainly due to the downfall of administration.

The main problems arose during semi-final time.

The administration for some unknown reason, decided that the top four teams of each group would play-off for the Metropolitan Championship.

Now why may I ask, did we have three separate groups, graded on ability, and each team in each group having the same chance.

Where was the advantage of honour, in playing in the A group, packed with the big guns, where each team had to battle from week to week, to make the top four, whilst sides in the lower groups had a clear cut passage to the metropolitan play-offs.

Why was the finals format unknown to clubs, only 24 hours before matches?

Why were games cancelled without clubs and parents being notified within due time?

It is these unorganised and rash decisions by administrators, that are destroying the interest and potential our boys are showing on the field.

So much so that parents and players are fed up, which not only means a loss to those clubs, but for Australian soccer in general.

The organising of the competition was basically left in the hands on one person, competition secretary, Howard Smith.

Howard did receive some assistance, but not nearly enough to conduct the competition in a manner in which it deserves.

Unfortunately, most officials who should have contributed, branched out into other areas of the code, namely NSW State teams, and showed no interest in the development and progress of the Youth League.

"If one had an insight to the traumas the season would bring, I would probably have had second thoughts to stand for the position," Howard Smith said.

"The involvement extended far beyond my expectations, attributed mainly to the weather, that had so much influence on the competition.

"With the way the rules were structured, the considerable workload was placed on my shoulders, in comparison to the role my predecessors played.

"Meetings were the biggest bugbear, that

being Sydney Branch administrative committee and Youth League.

"Initially I had to chair the latter two meetings as well as record minutes and play the role of competition secretary.

"Assistance was offered and accepted as the season progressed.

"Unfortunately the administration committee meetings were not well attended, with myself and one other attending all meetings.

"Being new to the position, I generally learnt things the hard way, with ideas and assistance coming after the event, instead of before.

"In some instances the Referees Appointments Officer drew procedures to my attention, which was of considerable assistance, and for which I was most grateful.

"In my opinion the Youth League at times plays second fiddle to State matters, and whilst this line persists, the League will never become the force, that people would like to believe it should.

"The position of competition secretary is one that requires a great deal of communication, to ensure that it all runs smoothly, but at times this was not possible.

"The two biggest disappointments for me, were the semi-finals format, drawn up in April and changed in July, due to it being different to what transpired in previous years.

"The other was the mix-up at Melita Stadium recently, when a communication breakdown resulted in the ground being closed when play-offs for Sydney three were scheduled."

It would be a great pity if junior soccer was to lose the services of Howard Smith, who without a doubt has been a breath of fresh air, to the Youth League.



Lake Albert control the ball in the midfield as the Kassel players approach.

## NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAM

### UNDER 11

#### DATES OF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER  
SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER  
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

#### VENUE

DUKE OF KENT PARK, SHAW ST "WAGGA"

#### DURATION OF GAMES

UNDER 11 = 25 Mins x 25 Mins

#### ROUND 1 FRIDAY 6TH, SEPT.

Western N.S.W.	v. Southern N.S.W.	<b>TIME</b>
Riverina	v. Sydney 1.	9.00am.
Sydney 2.	v. Sydney 3.	10.00am.
		11.00am.

#### ROUND 2 FRIDAY 6TH, SEPT.

Sydney 1.	v. Southern N.S.W.	<b>TIME</b>
Sydney 3.	v. Western N.S.W.	1.00pm.
Sydney 2.	v. Riverina.	2.00pm.
		3.00pm.

#### ROUND 3 SATURDAY 7TH, SEPT.

Riverina.	v. Southern N.S.W.	<b>TIME</b>
Sydney 2.	v. Western N.S.W.	9.00am.
Sydney 1.	v. Sydney 3.	10.00am.
		11.00am.

#### ROUND 4 SATURDAY 7TH, SEPT.

Sydney 2.	v. Southern N.S.W.	<b>TIME</b>
Sydney 1.	v. Western N.S.W.	1.00pm.
Sydney 3.	v. Riverina.	2.00pm.
		3.00pm.

#### ROUND 5 SUNDAY 8TH, SEPT.

Sydney 1.	v. Sydney 2.	<b>TIME</b>
Western N.S.W.	v. Riverina.	9.00am.
Southern N.S.W.	v. Sydney 3.	10.00am.
		11.00am.

### UNDER 12

#### DATES OF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER  
SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER  
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

#### VENUE

"BLUE CIRCLE OVAL" TAYLOR AVE, NEW BERRIMA  
(opposite Cement Works)

#### DURATION OF GAMES

UNDER 12 = 25 Mins x 25 Mins

#### ROUND 1 FRIDAY 6TH, SEPT.

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More action from the Lake Albert — Kassel District battle.

# NATIONAL TITLES AT MURWILLUMBAH

THE venue for the 1987 Australian Junior Titles has been allocated to Murwillumbah against a strong bid by the Macquarie Branch at the Northern NSW Amateur Federation at Wauchope.

The well prepared application by the Tweed Junior Soccer Association and the Murwillumbah Chamber of Commerce convinced the Federation Committee that Richmond-Tweed was the ideal locality.

As part of improving Senior Soccer in Northern NSW, The Northern NSW Amateur Federation also endorsed an application by the Richmond-Tweed to implement a Premier League within the Branch and a possible affiliation to the Northern NSW Soccer Federation for Semi-Professional Soccer.

The Federation Executive's congratulated the Richmond-Tweed for its enterprise and forward thinking and agreed that a competition standard providing better prospects for the outstanding talent in that region should be encouraged.

The Anthony Shield so far is the only senior competition between Tweed Association and Lismore Ltd, including Brunswick-Byron.

This year for the first time it was won by the Tweed Representative team. It has been several years since the Tweed won it last and it verifies and the Tweed Association also won the Under 16 Competition. Junior Branch Champions 1985 are Lismore in the 11, 13, 14 and 15 Divisions, whilst Tweed and Lismore shared the Under 12 Division and Casino were too strong for Tweed in the Under 16 Division.

A unanimous decision to play the Branch Championship 1986, before the Northern NSW State Titles must improve selection and the competition, giving a chance to every boy to compete on a higher level.

John Percival from Lismore has been appointed Director of Coaching for the Richmond-Tweed.

He will be a direct link to the Director of Coaching for Northern NSW, Ken Kaiser, who is holding a Soccer Coaching Clinic in January, 1986 at Armidale, where Willie Wallace, Les Scheinflug, Frank Worthington and other Australian coaches and players will participate. Last year 30 players and coaches from the Richmond-Tweed travelled to Armidale and it is hoped that a similar number is reached this year.

The success of Craig Foster in the Under 16 World Cup Team in China must be a great inspiration to all juniors. The Richmond-Tweed Soccer Branch hopes to provide better opportunities by improving coaching and competition.

## REVESBY WORKERS SOCCER CLUB

Revesby Workers Soccer Club had seven Premiership winning teams they were the 8/3, 9/4, 10/1, 10/3, 14/1A, under 12 girls and under 14 girls.

The 10/1 and 14/1A will represent the club in the Champion of Champion state competition.



REVESBY WORKERS UNDER 8/3

Soccer Team Photo from left to right top row: Trent Brailey, John Brailey (coach) Mathew Peade, Nathan King, Stephen Lawler, Ashley Bourne, Bradley Clugston, Brad Jones (manager) Joel MacRae. Bottom row: Leon Stensholm, Kirk Mennell, Scott Brown, Paul Kos, Trevor Gellel, Brian Ritchie (absent) Daniel Noble (absent).

The 8/3's were Minor Premiers and Premiers in a closely contended 10 team competition with only three points difference between the first and fifth teams.

## FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT OUT AT WEST PARK UNITED

WEST PARK United's Under 8, division 4 team have just completed the season undefeated, having scored 67 goals, with only 3 against.

West Park are all set for the State League third division in 1986, following their senior team's success in finishing as premiers of the Inter Urban first division.

So with these young lads in their ranks, the future looks bright for West Park.



### DATES OF TOURNAMENT

### VENUE

### DURATION OF GAMES

#### ROUND 1 SATURDAY 5TH, OCT.

Western N.S.W. v. Southern N.S.W.  
Riverina v. Sydney 1.  
Sydney 2. v. Sydney 3.

#### ROUND 2 SATURDAY 5TH, OCT.

Sydney 1. v. Southern N.S.W.  
Sydney 3. v. Western N.S.W.  
Sydney 2. v. Riverina.

#### ROUND 3 SUNDAY 6TH, OCT.

Riverina v. Southern N.S.W.  
Sydney 2. v. Western N.S.W.  
Sydney 1. v. Sydney 3.

#### ROUND 4 SUNDAY 6TH OCT.

Sydney 2. v. Southern N.S.W.  
Sydney 1. v. Western N.S.W.  
Sydney 3. v. Riverina.

#### ROUND 5 MONDAY 7TH, OCT.

Sydney 1. v. Sydney 2.  
Western N.S.W. v. Riverina.  
Southern N.S.W. v. Sydney 3.

### UNDER 13

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SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

JUBILEE OVAL No.8 Wheelers, Lane "DUBBO"

UNDER 13 = 30 Mins x 30 Mins

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### UNDER 14, 15, 16

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SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

"PARKLEA" Meurants, Lane. PARKLEA. (02) 629 1800

UNDER 14 = 30 x 30 UNDER 15&16 35 x 35 Mins

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## SYDNEY UNITED

Sydney United have been playing in the Southern District Competition, for the last two years.

In 1984 as U/16 they won the Premiership and Championship with goals for 126, against two and were minor premiers in 1985 in the U/17/18 competition with goals 76-15 they also won the State Cup Under 18 in 1985.

Coached by Ian

Kanacan. This team is one of the best young teams playing in NSW at the present time.

Some of these players are also playing 1st and 2nd Grade in Southern Districts Premier League.

These young lads have put in so much hard work for the club.

## RIVERINA INVOLVEMENT



MANAGER Jim Portolesi has been involved with Griffith sides since he put together a side of 8-year-olds.

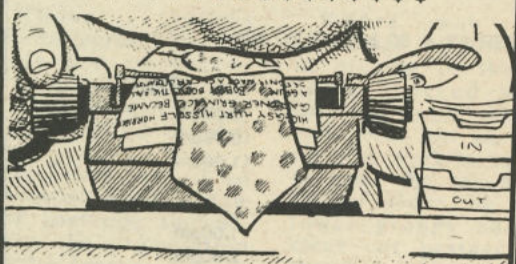
He was a prime mover in the development of the boys especially organising them for the trip to Fiji. Jim also managed the Riverina side which played against the Australian Youth Socceroos last year.

He has held managerial positions in both senior second junior sides for Hanwood Catholic Soccer Club.

For two years Jim was Griffith's Delegate to the Southern State League.

# ON THE WRITE LINE . . .

## ON THE WRITE LINE:



If you want to get something off your chest, have a complaint, praise something or someone, express your thoughts on a player or just plain suggest something, drop us a line.

Write to:  
On the Write Line,  
P.O. Box 406 Broadway, 2007  
Sydney, NSW.

## VIC DALGLEISH'S REPLY:

**CRAIG PENFOLD** was selected to trial for the Australian U15 squad in October 1983, after Zillmere Qld.

Craig did attend, but no way could I select the boy as he was in considerable pain when on the playing field. He was not selected for the NNSW U15 squad to participate in Perth 1984.

I did enquire about his fitness and was informed, the boy had in fact undergone surgery that year, and was just starting to play again.

The main core of the Under 15 Australian squad for China came from the Under 15 National Championship at Perth.

**"SELECTION FOR THE KODAK KIDS" PLAYERS MUST PLAY FOR THEIR STATE IN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ED** - A real hard-luck story for both parties involved. For one, Craig missing out on selection and the loss to Australia through Craig's omission.

Vic Dalglish conferred to me that at 14 years of age in Brisbane, Craig was a literal goalscoring machine but he made it clear that the selected players must have played for their respective state in the National Championships, unfortunately. Craig's injury made this impossible.

## A GO AT VIC, VIC REPLIES

Dear Sir,

IN 1983 at the Soccer titles played at Zillmere Qld, I witnessed a courageous young boy playing soccer in a back brace as a result of an injury he had received playing soccer.

His name was Craig Penfold and he played in the NNSW team with my grandson. That boy, even though injured put all he could into his game and gained an even higher respect from me and many other players and spectators than we had before.

I was totally disgusted when the 1985 NNSW team was announced to see that young Craig was not selected. I realise Craig had surgery and a full season off soccer but his performances at trials held, and his club games has shown that his talent and ability have not been impaired at all.

If anything he is faster and more agile than before. One of the main things that made Craig determined to overcome the surgery etc and get back into his old forms was the boys dream for another crack at the Australian team. Now his chances have been taken from him because of the selectors PERSONAL FEELINGS.

That boy has worked hard to come back and it took a lot of guts, determination and hours of training etc to do it. He has done it too as he ran rings around most of them at the trials and fully deserved selection. A lot of the boys themselves have even said it.

I realise it isn't easy selecting teams and

I have never done anything like this letter before but I feel very strongly about it and think that Craig has received a raw deal. If there is any way that he could be given a chance to reach his dream please give it to him as his standard as a soccer player and a person fully deserve it.

A. Wardwell

## KENNY HITS BACK!

Dear Sir,

I see that two replies were sent in regard to my letter. At least Ben Schmitz and A.O.(?) present the whole story.

One problem still remains, "A.O." says the 2nd grade side was short because first grade had injuries, Ben Schmitz on the other hand says 2nd grade was short because of injuries in 2nd grade and the early (6pm) start.

Isn't there anybody out there who knows the facts. Who could believe anybody with the initials "A.O."

As for good old Benny Schmitz fancy telling me to get my facts right!!

The original point I was trying to make, was that there are a couple of clubs in the State League that don't deserve to be there.

Kenny Sansom,  
Russia

P.S. Mr Editor the Smirnoff & Chicken Kiev is great but it's a bit cold!!

**ED** - Good to hear you're enjoying your stint in Russia comrade! But seriously, you don't really mean what you are saying, do you?

By the way Kenneth, whilst you're behind the Iron Curtain — you must try the Beef Goulashe ... it is something else!

## SERIOUSLY CONCERNED

Dear Sir,

I am concerned at the increase in violence at Youth League level, the promotion of this violence by so called "coaches" and the apparent condoning of the "hit man" syndrome by club administrators.

I observed (impartially) an U13 Youth League match earlier this month (between Sydney City and Sydney Olympic).

An official referee and linesman were in attendance. An incident occurred which highlighted the inability of some coaches and administrators to come to grips with violence and its ultimate effects on the development of the game.

Two opposing players whilst competing for the ball knocked it out of play, one player then assumed a role that has no place in any sport — he pursued the other player for some 20 metres to launch a kung-fu type kick to the opposing player's head.

The fact that both players were approx 6ft tall, weight in proportion, indicates that this wasn't some kids game. The incident triggered an anti-

cipated spectator involvement — people jumping the fence and fighting.

"Coaches" who promote and condone young players to violent acts with blatant instructions to "flatten" key opposing players will ultimately bring their own demise — COACHING SKILL IS BEYOND THEM. Unfortunately the game will suffer, parents will react and refuse to encourage progression through the ranks.

Similarly it would appear our administrators are refusing to acknowledge their responsibility because although the offending player was sent from the field, he did not leave the ground but stood on the sideline contrary to the rules and rather than be admonished was in fact comforted by his coaching staff whom you would have expected to know better. And would you believe the sentence handed down was merely a ONE MATCH SUSPENSION!

This whole incident requires a full investigation of all parties concerned.

The courts can and will administer on player violence if we continually show ourselves as incapable.

Photographs and video of the whole incident are available for viewing on request. "Winning isn't everything — the game is".

John Johnson,  
Dundas, NSW

**ED** - Having witnessed the incident on video I can see your point, but then it is by no means an isolated incident.

It is up to the administrators to take a firm stand early on in youth soccer as you suggest.

## STOP PRESS LOOK AND LEARN THE FACTS!!

Dear Sir,

**FOLLOWING the Pratten Park incident, you published my letter and views.**

It seems we now know who runs Australian Soccer — with suspensions and fines being imposed by one body and promptly cut in half or abolished by another.

However an important point appears to have been overlooked and I wonder what Sydney Croatia's reaction will be.

The point I refer to is that Messrs Soper and Gomez were suspended and fined (2 games and \$1,000) for bringing the game into disrepute. This was subsequently reduced to 1 game suspension and \$500 fine.

Both players missed 1 game and may or may not have paid their fines — but under present rules, as I understand them — a send-off means an automatic 1 game suspension — therefore since Soper was ordered off and Gomez was not — I maintain that Soper had a further game to miss and that should have been the match v Croatia!!

I commend the Committee who took the original disciplinary decisions, but deplore the actions of those who cut their feet from under them. As I said, it gives us a better idea of who runs the game here.

J. Jones,  
Adamstown, NSW.

**ED** - Interesting! So what could and should have happened is that Croatia could have 'done a Leichhardt' and protested, inturn collect 2 points as Soper did play and in turn — become minor premiers ... OH MY GOODNESS!

## NO SCAPEGOATS THANK YOU!

Dear Sir,

**PERHAPS** my topic is a little out of time, but I have been discriminated

against for long enough as a Soccer supporter by the so-called 'experts' and by the remarks of Mr T. Anderson about the majority of Soccer supporters.

Unfortunately Mr Anderson, we can't all be Scottish. Instead of trying to solve the problems and sicknesses of Australian Soccer, you are looking for scape-goats. You are trying to pin the blame on to Sydney Olympic supporters for all mistakes.

Since I came to Australia in 1977 and started following the local Soccer, I heard many rumours flying thick and fast about the establishment acting as a united front shielding Sydney City at all costs and of biased referees turning a blind eye to foul play by Sydney City.

As our Premier, Mr Wran says, "If they

throw enough mud at you, some of it will stick". They have done absolutely nothing to clear the air of these rumors!

I and the majority of Soccer supporters don't agree with the invasion of Pratten Park but it was something that has been cooking for a long time because the establishment did nothing to clear the air and by taking an 'ivory tower' approach to the whole problem.

It is now time for the establishment and yourself Mr Anderson to accept responsibility for this and clean up the mess.

J. Kovourmas,  
Marrickville, NSW

**ED** - Agreed officialdom and the media in general haven't exactly in the past 'aided' soccer in the best way possible but now I think people are realising a little more what their responsibilities are.



Marshall Soper takes on Drago Tomasic during that controversial match in which he shouldn't have played — says J. Jones.

## APIA YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

NSW leading Youth League club invites players to trial for Division One Trials for Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s to be held at Timbrell Park Five Dock, commencing at 5pm

The dates are as follows,  
Thursday October 10,  
Tuesday October 14,  
Thursday October 17,  
Tuesday October 21,  
Thursday October 24.

Please contact club for any information on 799 8997 or 798 4122

## CANTERBURY MAKE A RETURN TO THEIR FORMER GLORY DAYS

Canterbury.....3      Warringah.....1

Canterbury are the new State League premiers following their convincing 3-1 victory over Warringah.

Canterbury won the title by one point over Fairy Meadow, who valiantly recorded a 7-2 thrashing of Bankstown, in the vain hope that the Berries would drop a point in their last encounter.

But Canterbury were never troubled after the 25th minute, when a free kick taken by Hantzis was dropped by Dean.

Kirwan followed through and made no mistake from just one metre.

Three minutes later Canterbury went further ahead when a free kick taken by Borges just outside the box, was brilliantly angled into the top right hand corner.

Against the run of play, Warringah pulled one back in the 55th minute.

But Canterbury continued to attack and scored their third goal, again through Borges, following up on a free kick taken by Kirwan which rebounded.

The Berries were in complete control throughout the match and the scoreline does not give a true indication of proceedings.

**CANTERBURY:** Hummel, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Radman, Pena, Hormazabal, Kirwan, Agnastopoulos, Silva, Borges, Ortega.

**Melita.....1**  
**Sutherland.....1**

**MELITA EAGLES** cemented their place in the top four with a hard fought 1-1 draw against Sutherland.

It has been a bitterly disappointing season for Melita, as their officials had hoped for a quick return to the ranks of the NSL.

In the end Melita failed dismally and just scraped into fourth place.

Melita can take some consolation from the fact they finished as overall club champions, taking into account all three grades.

Sutherland opened the scoring in the 26th minute when Steve Meades beat Mullen following a fine individual raid through the Melita defence.

Melita fought back strongly and grabbed the equaliser in the 71st minute through Barry Walker.

**MELITA:** Mullen, Laing, McAusland, Wilson (O'Rourke 72), McCoy, Vial, Williams, Dalton, Walker, Cullinan, Hensman (D Allan 61).

**SUTHERLAND:** Birchmore, Schumann, Hesford, Burrows, DalForno, Beggs, Rogers, Harrington (Groom 68), Hall, Gray, Meades.



PAUL KIRWAN

In a very lively match, Avala took a surprise lead in the 46th minute through Lembyrk.

Avala grabbed a deserved equaliser in the 64th minute when a cross

**Polonia.....3**  
**Rockdale.....2**

**POLONIA** continued their impressive climb up the table with an entertaining

and lively 3-2 victory over Rockdale.

Drys took Polonia to a 2-0 lead with a double, but Rockdale composed themselves to draw level with goals coming from Wilson and Slaveski.

Then just three minutes from the final whistle, replacement striker Druc went past two defenders before slotting home the match winner.

**POLONIA:** Anderson, Chau, Geekie, Colusso, Vujinovic, Drys, Solzchik, Mahomet, Pop, Janic, Bratkovic (Druc 78).

**Avala.....1**  
**Ku-ring-gai.....2**

**KU-RING-RING's** 2-1 win over Avala was still not enough to steer the North side club into the semi-finals.

After leading the competition for a considerable number of weeks at the beginning of the season, Ku-ring-gai failed badly to maintain their momentum.



ALLAN DEAN on the attack for Warringah.



NELIO BORGES

kick taken just outside the penalty area.

**MANLY:** I Barker, Gogic, S Dick, J Pick, W Pierce, R Pagano, Etherington, Holloway, Williamson (G Barker 76), J Barker, Stuart.

**URUGUAY:** Tiberniverri, O'Donnell, Pirez, Haste, Crislovick, Fernandez, Arbelo, Stavillo, Baniles, Cuba, Botero (Carizzo 75).

from David Bennett found Sutherland who headed home.

Ku-ring-gai secured maximum points in the 87th minute when a long clearance from Lacey was headed on by Bass, with Nile competing the movement.

**AVALA:** Thurlow, Jordan, Dobson, Lembyrk, Pratt, Divani (Tracey 61), Brunetta (Atlagich 72), Cootes, Jeffrey (sent off 46), Anderson, Carney.

**KU-RING-GAI:** Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy (sent off 46), Bertram, Watson, Quigley, Bennett, Sutherland, Brockbank, Nile, Bass.

**Uruguay.....0**  
**Manly.....2**

**MANLY** finished their season on a winning note with a comfortable 2-0 win over the hapless Uruguay.

Manly took the lead in the 74th minute when from a corner kick, Jeff Barker picked up a rebound to hit home a powerful shot, which gave Tiberniverri no chance.

Defender John Dick sealed the match in the 87th minute when successful with a free

### NEXT Monday night will be vital in the coaching future of Wollongong City's Adrian Alston.

That is when the Wolves' board meets to decide what their policy will be towards the 1986 season.

They will decide whether they want Alston to stay on as coach.

Sources close to the board have revealed that present feeling is that a new coach must be appointed if the club is to improve its prospects.

If there had been a vote taken last week Alston would have missed out.

If the rumours are correct it would seem a bit harsh on Alston who steered the side clear of relegation with only two defeats in the last 10 games.

Alston says he is keen to take the job on again but stresses he needs to have more money to spend on players.

"Anyone can see we have to have at least two more experienced players here for the start of the next season or the team will again be struggling to survive," Alston said.

Club chairman and secretary Laurie Kelly and John Vlietstra haven't made their feelings known but it is rumoured both want Alston to stay on.

They reason that stability is the key to a successful team and they can't afford to switch coaches around too often.

The Wolves finished the season in slightly better shape financially than last season when they were long last on the table but protected from relegation.

They have plenty of young talent on the way up with their youth team having won the northern division championship.

In addition their under 15 team, brimming with talent, won the Metropolitan league and some of these players are poised to join the youth squad.

Alston claims the future of the Wollongong club lies with these youngsters and he wants to stay around to work with them.

He will know if he is to get a chance after Monday night's meeting.

## ANDY TRACEY HANG'S 'EM UP

**STALWART** Avala centre-forward Andy Tracey, has decided to call it a day after many a day in State League soccer.

At 37 Andy has survived many a torrid clash but age has finally wearied him.

Coach Vic Dalglish claimed, "Andy was a great professional, he was very good with youngsters."

"He is still very fit mainly because he is such a hard trainer, his loss will be felt."

— FRANK COLETTA ANDY TRACEY



# WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH KEITH GILMOUR AND JOHN ECONOMOS

## "STATES SHOW THEIR FORM"

NSW at this stage look top stuff in the national championships, despite not being able to score freely in their matches played so far.

The Blues have played their games in a manner that has shown they are in full control of all matters, with the excellent twin central defenders, Mandi Langlaar and Margaret Petrov, looking safe as a bank.

On Day One of the Nationals, although NSW played the current champions, South Queensland in atrocious conditions, they were able to thread together many clever, uninterrupted passes that gained ground for them.

By Day Three of the tournament, the Blues coach, Alan Lytton, had used all 18 squad members in matches.

Anissa Tann, the 17 year old from Forest Rangers, although slenderly built, showed remarkable strength and tenacity in her well executed tackles. This young lass could be a good future prospect for honours.

The NSW goalkeeper, Toni McMahon showed during the first week that although she is a little rusty between the posts, having played in the outfield with her club all year, she still relishes the custodian's position.

Fran Townson, from the NSW South Coast, also showed up well for the Blues and could be a good prospect.

Striker, Janine Riddington, displayed great pace and power on the ball as did Rhonda Withers for NSW.

Northern NSW, hampered by two injuries to their goal-hunger striker, Renaye Iserief, battle on during the week with mixed fortunes.

Armed with two excellent goalkeepers, Debbie Bonshore and Janelle Renshaw, both of whom have impressed national coach, Fred Robins, the North Coast pose a threat to all teams that may take them lightly.

Janelle especially, who comes from Armidale, could be a most interesting prospect for the national team.

With World Cup goalkeeper, Vicki Salmons, still out recovering from a serious knee operation, the goalkeeper's position for the Australian team poses a big problem.

Janelle had an especially strong match against NSW, and showed a safe pair of hands.

Karen Menzies, also from Northern NSW, and a former international, has so far displayed very ordinary form and must improve dramatically if she is to regain selection in the national squad.

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

Tanya Dyer, although only 15, and already in the Under 17 squad, showed great style and power for Northern Territory during the first week of the National titles.

Tanya comes from Alice Springs and has played with the experience of a girl much older than her tender age.

Tanya is equally comfortable as a striker or in the midfield.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia is a good all-round team of triers and its best game so far was against the powerful NSW.

The South Australians can consider themselves most unlucky that they did not crack a draw (2-2) against the Blues, going down 2-1.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The girls from the far West, have put it all together with a lot of hard work. So far, their main drive has come from Tina Harding, who has already notched up five goals in the tournament.

In their first two matches, they gained 4-0 victories, but came unstuck in their third match when they went down to the home State 5-3.

### TASMANIA

The Tasmanians have a very good young prospect in goalkeeper, Denise Thompson.

Denise, although not yet ready for international selection, has the wonderful ability of being able to organise

her back-four girls.

Tasmania kicked off the tournament with a



FRED ROBINS — National coach

solid 2-0 win over Northern Territory, but suffered heavy defeats from NSW last Friday before going down again 2-1 to South Queensland and 3-0 to NNSW yesterday.

### VICTORIA

A good win by Victoria yesterday against Northern Territory was largely due to some fine efforts by midfielder, Geni Rampel.

Geni scored both goals for the Victorians in their 2-0 victory with her first effort showing quick thinking.

With her back to the net, the ball ran loose to her and she quickly back-heeled it into the net. Had Geni trapped and turned to shoot, the defence would have shut her down.

Her second goal came when Debbie Nichols out on the left, whipped in a solid low cross to the far post to find Geni waiting to smash into the target.

## CHAMPIONS QUEENSLAND DROP VITAL MATCH

SOUTH QUEENSLAND dropped a vital match in their quest to retain their National Championship in the first week of the 1985 Championships at Wembley Park, Box Hill, Melbourne.

Fred Robins' team went down 1-0 to NSW coached by Alan Lytton.

During the first week of the Championships, NSW remained undefeated after four matches with wins over South Queensland, a narrow victory over Northern NSW by 1-0, a strong 4-0 over Tasmania and topped the week off with a 2-0 result against the ACT.

Today, is a rest day for all the teams but tomorrow NSW clashes with South Australia.

Much of NSW's strength lies in their powerful midfield where they have internationals in Cindy Heydon, Julie Dolan and Kim Lembryk "running the show."

South Queensland, the current champions, after losing out to NSW, reeled off successive wins against South Australia and Victoria, scraped home against Tasmania 2-1 and yesterday defeated Western Australia 2-1 thanks largely to two excellent free-kicks by international central defender, Joanne Millman.

Tina Harding from Western Australia, rocked the goalscoring charts

in the first week by nailing home no fewer than five goals to head the goalscorers.

Northern NSW, severely handicapped by injury to their ace international striker Renaye Iserief, had a mixed week with wins and draws as well as a loss, despite the valiant efforts of their powerful midfield skipper, Julie Porter.

But yesterday, Renaye was back on deck and scored a brilliant hat-trick to demolish Tasmania 3-0.

At this stage, NSW looks Championship material unless the other states can steal a point or two from them during this final week of the national titles.

This week will be the last chance that State squad players will have to make some impression on Fred Robins, the national coach, for selection in the Australian squad.

Robins wants a squad of 30 players for the national team and will instruct the various State coaches to keep their national squad members in training.

Already Fred has pencilled in three names as good prospects.



MANDI LANGLAAR NSW's free-back.

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## TOP GOALSCORERS AT THE NATIONALS

TINA HARDING (WA)  
LEANNE PRIESTLEY (Qld)  
ALISON BOLAND (WA)  
RENAYE ISERIEF (N.NSW.)  
JILL LATIMER (S.A.)  
JOANNE MILLMAN (Qld)  
THERESA McCANN (NSW)  
GENI RAMPTEL (Vic)  
JULIE DOLAN (NSW)  
KIM LEMBRYK (NSW)  
JULIE PORTER (N.NSW)  
TONNEKA JAMES (SA)  
LIZ ELLIOTT (TAS)  
JANE OAKLEY (Vic)  
CONNIE DELIO (Vic)  
ANGELA MARTINS (Vic)  
LESLIE DRAPER (S.A.)  
CINDY HEYDON (NSW)  
SHARON MATELJAN (W.A.)  
LEIGH WARDELL (NSW)  
DONNA McKAY (SA)  
MOYA DODD (SA)  
STEPHANIE McMAHON (Qld)  
DORIS HADDOCK (Qld)  
SUSAN MONTEATH (Qld)  
MANDY DIGUGLIELMO (Tas)  
LISA RADER (Tas)  
CHERYL ELVEY (Vic)  
TRACEY SINGLETON (Vic)  
TRACEY HODGE (Vic)  
DEBBIE NICHOLS (Vic)  
MICHELLE MATTHEWS (WA)  
JANE NEWNHAM (WA)



RENAYE ISERIEF comes back with scorching hat-trick.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - MELBOURNE

KICK OFF TIMES	WED 28/8	THUR 29/8	FRI 30/8	SAT 31/8	SUN 1/9	MON 2/9	TUE 3/9	WED 4/9	THUR 5/9	FRI 6/9
10.00 am	TAS-NT	NT-WA	SQ-VIC	SA-NT	TAS-NNSW		VIC-ACT	NSW-WA	ACT-SQ	WA-SA
SCORE	2-0	0-4	3-2	4-0	0-3					
11.30 am	NNSW-ACT	SA-SQ	TAS-NSW	SQ-TAS	ACT-SA		NNSW-WA	VIC-NNSW	NSW-VIC	NT-NSW
SCORE	0-0	0-2	0-4	2-1	0-2					
1.00 pm	SQ-NSW	ACT-TAS	NNSW-SA	VIC-WA	NT-VIC		SA-NSW	ACT-NT	WA-TAS	NNSW-SQ
SCORE	0-1	0-1	2-1	5-3	0-2					
2.30 pm	VIC-SA	NSW-NNSW	WA-ACT	NSW-ACT	SQ-WA		SQ-NT	SA-TAS	NT-NNSW	TAS-VIC
SCORE	3-0	1-0	4-0	2-0	2-1					
BYE	WA	VIC	NT	NNSW	NSW		TAS	SQ	SA	ACT

\*\*Wednesday 28/8 - Game Times 11.00, 12.30, 2.00 & 3.30  
March Past 9.30 Off. Opening 10.00

Tuesday 27/8 - 2.00 Referees Meeting  
BOX HILL 3.00 Coaches Meeting  
SOCCER CIVIC RECEPTION T.B.A.  
GROUND 7.30 Special General Meeting

AWSA AGM - Thur 5/9 - 7.30 BOX HILL SOCCER GROUND

PRESENTATION NIGHT - HAWTHORN  
Friday 6/9 - 7.30 RECEPTIONS

Referees Convenor BRIAN CRADDOCK

# UK Scene

## McQUEEN NAMES TOP BOSSES

**GORDON McQUEEN**, who left Manchester United to take over as player-coach with Seiko in Hong Kong, has been interviewed on the subject of managers he has served under.

McQueen rates Don Revie the top of the bunch and says Revie made a blunder when he quit Leeds United to take over the England team.

He also has kind words for Don Howe, "the best football brain in Britain," and Dave Sexton.

On Sexton, he says: "Dave was sacked after we had just won eight games on the trot and finished second in the first division. It was a huge injustice and greatly upset the Manchester United players."

One club boss McQueen definitely did not fancy was Brian Clough.

Said McQueen: "Clough had little contact with the playing staff and just seemed to drift about, never taking training, and doing exactly what he wanted. There weren't many tears when he left Leeds."



GORDON McQUEEN

## SAMMY BACK WITH STOKE

**SAMMY CHUNG** has reappeared on the soccer scene after a few years out of the game.

Chung, who was manager of Wolves when they toured Australia several years ago, will be Mick Mills' assistant at relegated Stoke City.

Since quitting foot-

ball, Sammy Chung has been working in a children's home and that should qualify him to look after some of the temperamental kids in big-time football!

## MISSING FANS

**DURING** the close season, Charlton Athletic lashed out \$600,000 to buy seven new players — and that's a lot of money for a struggling second division club.

But if Charlton thought this enterprise would bring back the spectators, they were evidently wrong.

For the first home game at the Valley, an attendance of only 4,178 was on hand.

# MONEY FLOWS IN FOR QPR

**WHILE** many English clubs report a desperate shortage of money, at least one, QPR, is on good terms with its bank manager.

The west London club made a huge profit on the year recently ended — more than \$1,500,000.

Meanwhile their much more glamorous London neighbours, Arsenal, showed a loss of \$950,000.

Why the big difference? Pay to players is the answer.

At Arsenal, 14 players each earn more than \$70,000 a year. At QPR, only three players come into that wages bracket.

QPR chairman Jim Gregory says a club which does its house-keeping properly can still survive — and thrive.

Incidentally, QPR owns its own excellent Shepherds Bush Stadium which is valued at around \$7,000,000.



Gary Bannister in action during QPR's profitable season.

## NEW-LOOK HAMMERS

**IT'S** the end of an era for West Ham United, who started building a new-look squad from this year.

Trevor Brooking has retired and Frank Lampard has gone to Southend. And the 39-year-old war horse Billy Bonds is not expected to be a regular first-teamer this season.

The Hammers felt the loss of Brooking last season, in fact,

when they only just dodged relegation to second division.

Also, Paul Allen has been transferred to Tottenham Hotspur and David Swindlehurst to Sunderland.

West Ham are relying on Scottish capture, Frank McAvennie, to lead

the goals charge in the unfamiliar West Ham side.

McAvennie was St Mirren's leading scorer last season with 18 goals.

But the biggest gain of all could be the return of a fully-fit international midfielder Alan Devonshire.

A cruel knee injury has kept Devonshire inactive for 18 long months, but he now appears quite recovered.

"Having Devonshire back is like getting a new quality player in the squad," said Hammers boss John Lyall.

# BLACKMORE A NEW STAR FOR UNITED

**MANCHESTER UNITED** skipper Bryan Robson predicts a great future for one of United's relatively unknown young players.

The player is Clayton Blackmore. Robson believes Blackmore could have as big an impact this year as did Mark Hughes last year.

Robson says: "Clayton is a 21-year-old from Neath in South Wales and he has one of the hardest shots seen at Old Trafford since the days of Bobby Charlton.

"He is a manager's dream, comfortable at full-back, in midfield or up front but, so far, he has had only three

first team outings.

"Welsh international team boss Mike England soon spotted Blackmore's talents, selecting him for Wales against Norway last season."

When Manchester toured Australia last season, Blackmore was an ever-present in the side, so much so that he was the unfortunate player to miss the penalty against Juventus at the SCG during the big clash in front of nearly 30,000 people.



CLAYTON BLACKMORE

## OWLS GET HART

**PAUL HART** was seriously tempted to become a team manager when he was given a free transfer by Nottingham Forest.

There were offers from lower division clubs like Tranmere Rovers and Stockport County, both of whom wanted Hart as player-manager.

Instead, the big centre-half has decided to try to stay with the pace in the first division.

He has been transferred to Sheffield Wednesday and is convinced he can still make the grade as a 32-year-old.

## GATES FOR ROKER

**ERIC GATES**, the sometimes underrated Ipswich winger or midfielder, has finally left the club.

Ipswich were hoping to keep Gates, despite getting a very big offer from Newcastle United for him.

Gates did not join Newcastle. Instead, he decided to sign up with their north-east neighbours, Sunderland.

## JIMMY HILL'S WORRY

**JIMMY HILL**, leading TV football commentator, may be forced to sell used cars if the dispute between television companies and football officials is not solved soon.

Hill said: "If the new soccer contract is not signed, the BBC won't need a front man for Match of the Day. There'll be nothing to front!"

His eldest son, Duncan, is in the motor trade. Jimmy said he may be tempted to help out if Duncan needs capital.

The only job Hill is signed up for this season is the England v Rumania World Cup elimination match at Wembley next month.

**RICKY HILL** and Brian Stein, Luton Town's England internationals, have both resigned on three-year contracts, thus ending fears that the pair would be moving from Kenilworth Road.

# CANON LEAGUE FIXTURES 1985-86

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# DIV 2

	BARNLEY	BRADFORD	BRIGHTON	CARLISLE	CHARLTON	C. PALACE	FULHAM	GLIMSBY	H. FIELD	HULL	LEEDS	M. BORO.	MILLWALL	NORWICH	OLDHAM	P. RITSMT	SHEFF. U.	SH. BURY	STOKE	STAND	WIMB'DN
APR	12	15	20	22	14	26	31	21	31	1	27	1	30	1	2	5	8	14	24	16	28
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NOV	29	28	11	3	21	19	7	9	26	19										1	
FEB	15	31	22	28	26	31	16	14	19	8	24									23	
M. BORO'	28	2	19	31	1	5	24	15	1	22	15									14	
MILLWALL	3	12	20	14	22	29	22	26	5	14	28	9								28	
NORWICH	26	7	9	5	15	26	18	29	23	26	3	11	21							14	
OLDHAM	6	8	26	26	28	13	15	3												8	
P. RITSMT	11	20	23	9	1	3														11	
SHEFF. UTD.	19	18	15	1	1	1	3													20	
SHREWSB'Y	21	1	18	12	12	22	25	8	4	2	8	26	7	7	18	26	22	17	31	27	
STOKE	19	17	29	23	8	6	21	5	7	28	12	11	3	18	26	26	7	26	22	3	
S'LAND	3	22	26	22	2	26	31	12	18	30	26	7	17	19	8	7	1	21	16	12	
WIMB'DN																					

# DIV 4

	ALDERSHOT	BURNLEY	CAMBRIDGE	CHESTER	COLCHESTER	CREWE A.	EXETER	HALIFAX	HARTLEPOOL	HEREFORD	MANSFIELD	NTHAMPTN	ORIENT	PETERBORO	PORT VALE	PRESTON	ROCHDALE	SCUNTHORPE	SOUTHEND	STOCKPORT	SWINDON	TORQUAY	TRANMERE	WREXHAM
AUG	FEB	1	4	28	26	24	8	5	4	14	9	4	30	17	3	18	28	12	19	26	29	22	19	
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CAMBRIDGE	7	9	DEC	APR	SEP	FEB	NOV	APR	AUG	SEP	OCT	JAN	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	APR	MAR	AUG	MAY	DEC	FEB
CHESTER	2	5	31	NOV	SEP	APR	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	APR	MAR	AUG	MAY	DEC
COLCHESTER	27	4	17	4	NOV	SEP	MAR	JAN	MAR	OCT	NOV	SEP	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	APR	MAR	AUG	MAY	DEC	FEB
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# MEADE TURNS UP IN PORTUGAL!

YOU wouldn't blame any player for getting right away from the dreadful English climate — but Arsenal are far from happy about a flit involving their forward Raphael Meade.

He disappeared some weeks ago and Arsenal boss Don Howe said he had no idea where to look for the missing Meade!

The player had gone to Portugal, without telling Arsenal, and he now claims he has signed for Sporting Lisbon.

Don Howe said: "I had no idea he was going to Lisbon for talks. When he told me a club was interested in him, I thought it was an Eng-

lish club. Now it's one big mess."

Arsenal are annoyed at a report that Meade has already played a couple of friendly games for Sporting. They hold his registration and wonder what would have happened if he'd broken a leg in those Portuguese games.

Meade, 22, said: "I've been at Arsenal since I was 14 and it's time to leave."



## MIDWEEK ACTION



Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall stretches out to deny Tottenham's Chris Waddle during the champion's 1-0 win

## BAD START FOR GARTH CROOKS

GARTH CROOKS was looking forward to a big season with his new club West Bromwich Albion after his transfer from Spurs but the black centre-forward had the worst possible luck in his debut game.

Crooks had to leave the field with damaged ankle ligaments, the match being only six minutes old when he was injured.

Later his team-mate

Tony Grealish was also carried off with a dislocated shoulder... so two players finished up in hospital.

Albion had to finish

the match with only 10 men and did well to hold Oxford to 1-1.

Unlike most countries where two substitutes are allowed, England allows only one.

## SCOTS LEAVE FANS BEHIND

EUROPEAN football is definitely a "no-no" for the supporters of five Scottish clubs who will play in European competition this season.

While Scottish clubs escaped the UEFA ban which is keeping English clubs at home following the Brussels disaster, the Scots do not want any of their fans to travel when they play.

Rangers chairman

John Paton said: "After the European Cup Final, no club can afford to take any chances."

"Trouble at our European matches means big trouble. UEFA is waiting, and

the first club to step out of line will get the boot.

"I appeal to our fans not to travel to Spain for the Rangers v Athletic Osasuna UEFA Cup match."

## NEVIN SIGNS AGAIN

PAT NEVIN, who had such a great season with Chelsea in 1984-85, has decided to stay with the London club.

Nevin has been constantly sought by Celtic who wanted to take him back to Scotland but that move has been squashed with the signing of a new three-year contract by the little winger.



PAT NEVIN

## FRANK'S TOUGH TASK

FRANK McLINTOCK, the former Leicester City and Arsenal star, has one of the toughest jobs in football as manager of Brentford.

For many years one of London's Cinderella clubs, Brentford have been named as one of the teams most likely to fold up this season.

Brentford face the probability of a huge bill to make their ancient Griffin Park ground safe from fire, but they have little cash in the kitty.

You need a long memory to think back to the days when Brentford were one of the strongest sides in the first division.

## SOCCER SHOW SILENCED

ON the first day of the new season in England, there was no radio commentary on soccer.

The BBC and the Football League are in dispute over radio, as well as TV, coverage. This is the first time

in 60 years that radio has been silent for the opening of the soccer season.

## SCOTS MOVE SOUTH

LEICESTER CITY used up a small piece of the Gary Lineker transfer cash to import two Scots from Motherwell.

The recruits are Ally Mauchlen and Gary McAllister

Motherwell received \$500,000 for the pair — handy money but it must weaken their side which has just been promoted to the Scottish Premier Division.

ALTHOUGH he's only 20, West Ham defender Gerhard Ampofo has had to retire from football.

Ampofo has been battling to recover from a broken leg but has had to give in.

West Ham have promised to give the youngster a testimonial.

KENNY WHARTON of Newcastle United is the victim of a strange injury mishap.

At a training session, team-mate Pat Heard was swinging on a goalpost when it broke and fell on Wharton, who injured his head and wrist.



GARY LINEKER

## CHARLTON DISCUSSES SHOCK QUITTING

JACKIE CHARLTON's shock departure from Newcastle United remains the big talking point in north-east football.

Charlton, always an independent character, walked out because he refused to accept the boos from Newcastle fans.

He is convinced he was working on the right lines with the club.

"I achieved all I set out to do in my first year," said Charlton.

"I got a good start, one or two excellent players and a lot of good pros.

I've stabilised the club and there's money to spend."

Money played a large part in the criticism of Charlton because United fans were angry when he did not buy star players.

In particular, the supporters were upset when, after Newcastle had the inside running to buy Eric Gates from Ipswich Town, the player was signed by local deadly rivals Sunderland.

Charlton explained that Gates demanded a signing-on fee in

excess of what he was worth.

"It would have been a short-term buy and I was looking farther ahead," said Charlton.

"I only came back into the game because I felt Newcastle United was one of the few clubs able to challenge the elite group of clubs.

"I still believe that but it will not happen overnight. Look how long it took Howard Kendall to sort out Everton," concluded the former Newcastle boss.



ERIC GATES

## SOCCER WORLD



## UEFA WILL LIFT BAN

**HOT tip** which pleased English clubs banned from Europe is that the ban will be lifted after this season.

Nothing official has been decided by UEFA but the feeling is that, after being suspended this year from Europe, English teams should be able to compete in European competition in the 1986-87 season.

But if the teams are wanted back, the fans are not.

UEFA is thinking about readmitting English clubs only if the supporters are left at home.

That could be difficult to police. How do you stop private individuals from catching the ferry from Dover to Calais — or hopping a plane at Heathrow?

## ISRAELI STAR FOR SYDNEY?

ISRAEL's World Cup hopes depend to a large extent on the experience in defence of Avi Cohen.

Cohen spent some time in England with Liverpool before returning to Israel where he is now national team captain.

He is undoubtedly a class player who will pose problems for Australian skipper John Kosmina.

Next season, Kosmina and Cohen could be team-mates at Sydney City!

Sydney City chairman Sam Fisman is keen to import a top Israeli player for the 1986 season and, according to the AUSTRALIAN JEWISH TIMES, the player could be Avi Cohen.

Of course, if Israel progresses to the World Cup finals in Mexico, there will be no chance of any of its stars playing in Australia.

## BRAZIL, ITALY, IN TV DEAL

BRAZILIAN and Italian matches are likely to be screened on British television this season.

Inspired by the deadlocked negotiations between English football and the TV companies, one enterprising company in Surrey has bought the rights to screen Brazilian and Italian matches in foreign countries.

The insular English rarely show more than a passing interest in matches between foreign teams but they may be happy to watch if there is nothing else!

## GIANNI IN THE MONEY

GIANNI PALADINI is a night club owner in Birmingham but, thanks to his Italian contacts, he could soon be creaming big money out of football.

When Italian club Bari wanted to sign Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans and Paul Rideout, it was Paladini who acted as intermediary.

He has pocketed \$100,000 and will get 10 per cent of any future transfer fees paid for the pair.

But Gianni points out: "Even more important, other Italian clubs will come to me in the future when they want to buy British players."

# NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR CHINAGLIA

GIORGIO CHINAGLIA has not exactly had a great year.

As boss of Italian club Lazio and also of New York Cosmos, he has seen the American club fold up and the Italian club relegated.

One unkind colleague observed: "Chinaglia is the only man to have sunk two major teams in one season."

The loss of Cosmos to world football is still felt in the USA because once this glamour club folded, there was no hope for

the continuation of the North American Soccer League.

But Cosmos and Chinaglia have their memories — glorious ones.

On one memorable night in the Meadowlands Stadium in New Jersey, 77,691 fans packed the ground to see Cosmos, including Chinaglia and Pele, slaughter Fort Lauderdale 8-3.

After that match and other matches at Meadowlands, the Cosmos dressing

room was like a zoo.

Former coach Gordon Bradley recalls: "Everybody wanted to be there around Pele."

"The players didn't have a minute to themselves. Mick Jagger wanted to come in, so did Bjorn Borg. Henry Kissinger wanted to shake hands. It was a dressing room rodeo."

Chinaglia has now severed all connections with Cosmos.

He claims "there will always be crowds of 50,000 to 60,000 to watch Lazio however badly the team played."



Giorgio Chinaglia in happier days.

## ARGENTINA AND THE EXILES

ARGENTINA now has 13 World Cup squad members playing in foreign countries and that must be a handicap as the Argies try to prepare for next year's Cup games in Mexico.

The exiles are Buruchaga, Marcico, Gareca, Trobbiani, Trossero, Filoli, Peaculli, Pasarella, Maradona, Valdeno,

Barbas, Bertoni and Diaz.

No fewer than seven of them are based in Italy.



DANIEL PASSARELLA

## BIG BOY BUTCHER

IPSWICH AND ENGLAND centre-half Terry Butcher is just about the most powerfully-built player in the first division.

So nobody was surprised when his wife Rita gave birth to a powerfully-built baby boy recently.

Edward John Butcher hit the hospital scales at 10 lbs 8 ozs.

## HUDSON IS THE BOSS

ALAN HUDSON is ready to make a big comeback for Stoke City this season after thinking his career was just about ended.

Hudson has been named skipper of Stoke. "It's a big turnaround from last season when I couldn't get a game and the club tried to get rid of me," said the former Arsenal and England midfielder.

"But I thrive on extra responsibility," he added.

## NO TURKISH DELIGHTS FOR IRISH

ROMANIA and England are the popular tips to qualify for the World Cup from European Group Three — but Northern Ireland have not given up hope of finishing above Romania in the qualifying competition.

The Irishmen must win well against bottom team Turkey on September 11 in Turkey before tackling Romania and England, also away from home.

But Irish team boss Billy Bingham is worried about several of his key players being unsettled.

"Pat Jennings, Martin O'Neill, Ian Stewart and Gerry Armstrong have all been involved in switching

clubs," said Bingham, "and this could have a very unsettling effect on them."

"Those problems must be sorted out as quickly as possible because we simply must beat the Turks."

Northern Ireland are already robbed of the services of Manchester United's Cup Final hero, Norman Whiteside.

Whiteside has been ruled out of the Turkish match due to suspension.

PORTUGUESE second division club Farense is anxious to sign 33-year-old forward Billy Rafferty from Bournemouth.

Although no youngster, the much-travelled Rafferty scored 16 goals for Bournemouth last season.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS star Kevin Mabbutt is back in England following the collapse of soccer in North America.

Mabbutt is tipped to join Coventry City.

KUWAIT SPORTING CLUB has appointed former Sunderland boss Len Ashurst as coach on a one-year contract. Ashurst was sacked by Sunderland in May.

NEC Nijmegen, the Dutch club, seem to be going out of their way to upset West Ham's plans to buy winger Danny Hoekman.

Hoekman has been told he can move for a fee of \$160,000 to any club in Holland.

But a move to West Ham would involve a fee of \$500,000.

Hoekman says: "I really wanted a quick decision. I don't like the games NEC are playing. The transfer fee they asked West Ham was ridiculous."

## JOHN TO MOVE

RUMOURS still persist that Nigerian World Cup player John Chidozie is about to be sold by Tottenham Hotspur.

Chidozie has had only one year with Spurs. The club now has a first team squad of no fewer than 24 players — so departures are essential.

